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Norris Family**

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Name of Compiler Harry Alexander Davis BK Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____
Address _____
City, State _____
Date _____

Chart No. _____
b. July 1688
m. MD
d. Ann ?

Rev. War
b. Dec 1745
p.b. Cheraw Dist, SC.
m. 1771
d. by 1820
p.d. GA

8 Robert Norris's
(Father of No. 4)
b. Oct. 1723
p.b. MD (Baltimore Co.)
m. < 1745 Georgetown SC
d. 1790
p.d. Cheraw Dist, SC.

17 Ann ?
(Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. 1693
d. 1741 Baltimore MD

2 Joseph Motley Norris
(Father of No. 1)
b. 1784
p.b. Chesterfield Dist, SC
m. 1808
d. after 1850
p.d. Greene Co

9 Edith James
(Mother of No. 4)
b. 1732
p.b. SC ?
d. 1811
p.d. Harry Dist, SC

18 _____
(Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

5124 Bluffwater Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

(Mary ?)
1 Matilda Norris
b. 1811
p.b. Alabama
m. 1831
d. after 1870
p.d. Green Co, MS

10 Joel Motley ?
(Father of No. 9)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

19 _____
(Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

11 Martha Biggers
(Mother of No. 9)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

20 _____
(Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

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3 Isabella Hester
(Mother of No. 1)
b. 1784
p.b. SC ?
d. 1832
p.d. Green Co, MS

12 _____
(Father of No. 8)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

21 _____
(Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

13 _____
(Mother of No. 6)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

22 _____
(Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

14 _____
(Father of No. 7)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

23 _____
(Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

15 _____
(Mother of No. 7)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

24 _____
(Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

16 _____
(Mother of No. 6)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

25 _____
(Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

17 _____
(Mother of No. 3)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

26 _____
(Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

18 _____
(Mother of No. 3)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

27 _____
(Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

19 _____
(Mother of No. 7)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

28 _____
(Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

20 _____
(Mother of No. 7)
b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

29 _____
(Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

John Alexander McLain
(Spouse of No. 1)
b. 1807
p.b. GA & NC
d. after 1870
p.d. Green Co, MS

30 _____
(Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

31 _____
(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. _____
m. _____
d. _____

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of

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GENEALOGY

of

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PREFACE

In 1930 this manuscript was completed and letters were sent to some 3000 living members asking for subscriptions to help defray the cost of printing, etc. The responses were not sufficient to warrant publication of the work.

Several efforts were made in 1934-1935 to secure a few individuals financially to underwrite the cost, these too were unsuccessful.

It then became our plan to place a copy of this manuscript in the Library of Congress but as it was prepared for the printer it was found almost impossible to make an index. The original of this copy was written during 1940-1941 in form so that index could be made.

This copy has been made under very adverse circumstances owing to war conditions and has been made by several typists, none of whom had previous experience with this class of work, and also a variation of typewriters.

By placing this record with the Library of Congress we feel that our labor has not been in vain as it will be available to those who would be interested in its contents.

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INTRODUCTION

This work represents the results of a great many years of research. The pleasure of historical research and the wish to preserve historical facts have been the moving causes for the production of this book. In examining various records everything of the name was abstracted regardless of whether a direct bearing was apparent or not and all related families were carefully examined for indirect evidence.

We have accepted no traditional records at face value and where any such are used herein it is clearly so stated and their use is for the sole purpose of aiding any one who may be interested at some future time.

We have traced down the various families of Norris found in the early records of the colonies of Virginia and Maryland to a date where they could be eliminated. Unfortunately there does not exist any record showing exact date of arrival of Thomas Norris, the progenitor of this tribe, however, his associations show him in Virginia about 1630-1631 and he was in what later became Maryland prior to 1634. The first record in Maryland is 1637 when Thomas transports his wife, Ann; he is next mentioned in court records 1639-40, etc. The next mention of Norris in Maryland is when Thomas Norris and his brother-in-law were "transported" to Talbot county from St. Mary's county in 1662-63 disposing of their rights to John Morgan who recorded his papers in 1665. There follows record 3 Mar. 1674 of Thomas Norris on a list produced by Joseph Tilley, and in Dec. 1674 Thomas Norris is on a list of James Connaway, see Thomas Norris, No. 1. In an account of servants brought into the Province of Maryland by Francis Porter (25) "certified that 10 of these were imported by him in the ship Prosperous of London in 1675 and the other 15 in the ship Merchants Consent of London in 1676 and the yr 1677 & that he never had disposed of the rights for land nor had he made use of it directly or indirectly," this dated 9 Feb. 1677-78. This list contains the name of "John Norres." This John Norres lived the rest of his life in Ann Arundell county, Maryland and died after 1711 leaving two sons, Thomas and Joseph; his son, Thomas, married Sarah, daughter of Edward Parrish and his will was probated 3 May 1711, Ann Arundell Co., Maryland, names his fathers, John Norris and Edward Parrish, and his brother, Joseph. This family has no connection with Thomas Norris, the immigrant.

In Oct. 1677 Thomas Taylor, of Dorchester Co., Maryland claims rights for 27 persons among whom is Ann Norris, her identity is unknown and this list of persons are shown as from London. The next record is "Transported by Capt. John Harris on ship "Dover" of London, Willi. Norris, anno 1678. " He was clerk of the vestry of All Faith's Parish, St. Mary's Co., Maryland and appears frequently in the records to 1700. He moved to Baltimore Co., Maryland about 1705, his wife was named Sarah; St. George's

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Parish records show he died 2 May 1720. His will was dated 2 May 1720 and probated 20 May 1720, left two daughters, Mary born 1704 married Henry Million, and Elce, born 1713 married John Lee. No connection with Thomas Norris, the Immigrant.

In the Assembly proceedings occur the names of "Henry Norrice, Stephen Norrice and Richard Norrice." Henry Norrice or Norris lived and died in Charles Co., Maryland. His will dated 5 Jan. 1712 was probated 25 Jan. 1713, left one child, a daughter, who married prior to 1712 John Fairfax. No trace of Stephen Norrice has ever been found. Richard Norrice moved to Virginia as appears below. None of these are connected to Thomas Norris, the Immigrant, so far as known.

In Virginia the earliest record of Norris extant is 1639 when "Elizabeth Norris came to James City Co., Virginia," nothing to show from whence she came nor does she appear in subsequent records. In 1643 there is record of Richard Norrice or Norris coming to James City Co., and this is the Richard Norris of St. Mary's Co., Maryland moving to Virginia. This Richard left descendants, there is record of a son, John, who had a grant of land in Nansemond Co., Virginia in 1681, some of John's descendants moved to Stafford Co., Virginia and some to North Carolina and subsequently to Georgia.

There is record of Thomas Norris coming to Nansemond Co. in 1643, and again in 1647, this Thomas is Thomas Norris of Maryland who made these trips to the home of his father-in-law, Thomas Hynson, etc. In 1659 there is record of Thomas Norris in Lancaster Co., Virginia who is accounted for in Thomas Norris No. 1. There is no further mention of Norris in Virginia till John Norris in 1681 who has the grant of land above mentioned. Those who follow are fully accounted for in the body of this work.

The study of the Thomas Norris of this record was not an individual study but of all of those with whom he was associated in any manner and were investigated as a group. This study revealed that Thomas Hynson, later his father-in-law, and Samuel Glover were residents of Nansemond Co., Virginia and were natives of Norfolk Co., England. Thomas Hynson and his son, John, Samuel Glover and his son, Daniel, and Thomas Norris were associated with William Claiborne and his trading post colony established on Kent Island prior to 1634. Thomas Hynson returned to Virginia at the time of the Baltimore-Claiborne controversy and remained there to 1662 when he moved to Talbot Co., Maryland and was followed by his sons-in-law from St. Mary's Co., Maryland, i.e., Thomas Norris and Daniel Glover.

In the various branches of this family of Norris which we have encountered in this country in which any attempt to form the family tree has been made they have invariably "hooked" on to Sir Henry Norris, who, with his six sons is buried in Westminster Abbey. Records clearly and definitely show the futility of making any claim of descent from this man unless through a FEMALE line.

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In the county of Norfolk, England there occur several families of Norris at an early date. The celebrated antiquarian, Anthony Norris, who lived in this county spent the greater part of his life trying to connect these families without any success.

In the case of Thomas Norris there occurred the fact of his associates being from Norfolk County, England; there also appeared in the names of his children two unusual ones that continued to appear in at least one line of his descendants with considerable regularity, i.e., Geoffrey and Cuthbert. The occurrence of these names lead to the investigation of the English records for families having these names and there was found but one family in which these names ever occurred and they occurred with regularity therein; later we discovered two family records in a branch of the family, Nos. 15, 45, 134 and 366, which gave conclusive evidence that Thomas belonged to this particular family. One of these families resided in Kentucky and the other in Ohio; the living members having no knowledge of each other at the present time, and apparently the last knowledge the Ohio family had of the Kentucky family was more than eighty years ago.

We have found the name quite common in every section of the country. Many of the names show in 1850 census as arriving in America after 1840. Even in Virginia where the impression exists in many families that ALL Virginia Norris families are descendants of the Lancaster County Family, there appear after 1850 quite a number of families who are foreign to this state, some coming from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York, and several families show with children born in Ireland. Even in Lancaster County it was found that after 1750 at least two branches of this particular family were resident therein, i.e., No. 10 and No. 17, and in the adjoining counties No. 58.

We have endeavored to record facts accurately and impartially, many persons have been located who refused any information whatever either by letter or personal interview.

It is possible some errors have crept in as we have had to rely on indirect sources in some of these cases of the living members.

Those who have furnished information and records of themselves and others have our sincere thanks. Those who from any cause neglected to impart the desired information, often repeatedly requested, nay, when too late, regret their indifference.

HISTORICAL

The early patronymic of this family was MOREY, or NORREYS. The family is an ancient one in England and there is claim they came from Normandy about the time of William the Conqueror.

The earliest definite record appears to be that of Alane Norreys who was in Sutton long before the time of Henry III (1206). This line is shown in Burke's Peerage and is the line of the Sir Henry Norris who is buried in Westminster Abbey.

There appears in Burke's General Armory some twenty six other families of the name of Norreys, Norres and Norris who have been granted arms at some period and all different, so far as is known these families are not related. Whether all of them originally started from Alane Norreys of Sutton is not definitely known.

Of the known American families, Nicholas Norris, born ca 1640, appears to be the 8th generation of one Thomas Norris of Speke, came to New Hampshire about 1624-65, left descendants. Reverend Edward Norris, non-conformist, came to Salem, Massachusetts about 1639, left descendants. Isaac Norris, who came to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1684-85, was the only surviving member of the family of Thomas Norris who died in Barbadoes, and appears to have been from Essex County, England, left descendants. Isaac Norris, born ca 1795, England was a sea captain came to Baltimore, Maryland in 1830's and left descendants.

None of these are known to be related to each other or to Thomas Norris of this record.

The various families of this name who resided in Norfolk County, England prior to 1700 are not proven to be related nor is it known from whence Geoffrey Norreys came when he first appears in this county.

There is a similarity in the arms of Geoffrey's descendant, John Norris, of Congham, and that of Thomas Norris, of Glamorgan, Wales though the College of Heralds, London, states there is no known record of relationship.

This history begins with Geoffrey Moreys:

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NOREYS; NORREYS; NORYS; NORRIS

GEOFFREY (1) NOREYS: Party to a fine in Lynn in 1361; bought land
in Tilney in 1382.
Married

Issue

GEOFFREY (2) NOREYS: Born circa 1370; died
Married

Issue

1 Geoffrey (3): b 1...

11 JOHN: b, married Recorded as Sir John
Norys, Vicar of South Lynn in 1444. Executor to will of
his brother, Geoffrey. He died in 1504. They had:

1 John Norys

GEOFFREY (3) NOREYS: b 1... Recorded as Lord of Monpinxoun Manor,
West Bilney, Norfolk.

Married 1.... MARGERY born 1.... His will dated
12 Aug. 1464, his brother, John, executor. Margery was living in
1464.

Issue

JOHN (4) NOREYS: b 1... Married Recorded as of
West Bilney.

Issue

ROBERT (5) NOREYS: b circa 1460 died Married

Issue

GEOFFREY (6) NOREYS: b 14---. Recorded as under age in 1504.
Married

Issue

JOHN (7) NORRIS: b 15---. Recorded as of Congham in 1566. Married
prior to 1549 Might, daughter of Might, of
Gunthorpe, Norfolk. He died in 1572.

Issue

1 Thomas (8) Norris: b 1549. Patron of the living of Amere.
Married Elizabeth Juybon. His will dated 22 July 1604, pro-

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bated in 1608. They had:

1 Thomas Norris: b 1... married daughter of Christopher Hyne. He was living in 1635 Amere. They had:

- a Thomas.
- b Ann.
- c Susan.

2 Alice Norris: b 1...

3 Robert (9) Norris: b 1... married (1) Lora Woodhouse;
(2) Jane Colfer. His will was probated 18 Feb. 1638-9.

Issue

a John Norris: b 1..., died unmarried. Will 1654.

b Osbert (10) Norris: b 1... married Mary Brogen.
They had:

- b1 James Norris: b 1667.
- c Robert Norris.
- d Mary Norris.
- e Alice Norris married Rops.
- f Helen Norris married Havers.

ii CUTBERT Norris: b 15--. Was Doctor of Divinity and Arch-
deacon of Sudbury. He died in 1621.

iii Laughter Norris: b 15-- married Hopes.

iv Laughter Norris: b 15-- married Chosse.

v Edmund Norris: b 15-- married Margery His will
dated 19 Aug. 1599, codicil in 1607, probated in 1609. Mar-
gery living in 1609. No issue.

vi GEOFFREY (8) Norris: b 15--.

GEOFFREY (8) NORRIS: b 15--, married He was living in
1609 and executor to will of his brother, Edmund.

Issue

i Alice Norris.

ii Elizabeth Norris.

iii Edmund Norris.

→ iv THOMAS (9) NORRIS: born circa 1608.

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COLLEGE OF ARMS,
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, E. C. 4

Extract.

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" The first entry of the pedigree of Norris of Congham was made in 1664, this entry being signed by Osbert Norris, and connects with his father Robert. From other sources, however, we have been able to put together a pedigree back to John Norris of Congham (grandfather of the above Robert) who died in 1572. The arms and crest as set out in the " Landed Gentry " were officially recognized with this entry in 1664. "

Sgd. H. F. Burke,
Carter

.....
ARMS: Sa., a cross pattee fitchee floury, between ten billets arg.
CREST: On a mount vert., a talbot sejant gu., collared or.

THOMAS NORRIS

THE IMMIGRANT

The first of the name in the Province of Virginia was born in Congham, County Norfolk, England circa 1608. He ran away from home when a lad of about eleven years of age and went to sea which he followed until the time of his arrival in the Province of Virginia in 1630-31.

From his associates he evidently settled in Nansemond County, and being of an adventurous and roving nature he became a follower of William Claiborne in his trading adventures.

It is historically well known that the earliest settlers in what later became the Province of Maryland were the members of the trading posts established by Captain William Claiborne on what was called "Kent Island", practically most of the upper Eastern Shore, in 1627. By 1633 this was quite a sizable colony, all being Church of England followers and from the Province of Virginia.

In 1634 Lord Baltimore settled in St. Mary's, Maryland and there ensued quite a controversy between Claiborne and Baltimore which can be found in other sources and need not be recapitulated here.

Kent Island for all intents and purposes was considered as a part of St. Mary's county with no definite separate records until October 1640. (Md. Arch. i, 39, 55, 87, 361; iii, 62, 105.)

It is known that many of Claiborne's followers actually moved to St. Mary's county during the time of the Claiborne-Baltimore controversy while some of them returned to Virginia.

There is record evidence that Thomas Norris was actually in St. Mary's County, Maryland during the year 1637, i.e.:

1. Thomas was married during the year 1637 to Ann, daughter of Thomas Hynson, of Nansemond County, Virginia and Kent Island, Maryland, and transported her to St. Mary's County, Maryland in that year. (Records Annapolis 1637)
2. One Michael Lums died in St. Mary's Co., Maryland some time during the year 1638, his will was probated 4 Jan. 1639, and his estate was administered 7 May 1640 when the Provincial Court ordered the payment of his debts and among those to whom he was indebted was "THOS. NORRIS." (Prov. Ct. Rec. Annapolis, also Md. Arch. iv, 59-60, 87, 90)

There are no deed records in St. Mary's county, Maryland prior to 1831, those prior to that date having been destroyed by fire. There are a few ABSTRACTS taken from Annapolis records but they do not cover the early period. There is also a lapse in the Land Records of Annapolis from 1634 to 1658 hence

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the name of Thomas and his associates do not show.

It appears that after his marriage Thomas settled down and became a planter and was associated with his brother-in-law, Daniel Glover, in St. Mary's county, and was possibly associated with his father-in-law in Nansemond County, Virginia.

In 1643 Thomas Norris made a trip to Nansemond County, Virginia to the home of his father-in-law, he was reported by one John Carter who secured head rights. In 1647 he made another trip to "Nansemm" county, Virginia and was reported by one L. Peeters, who also secured head rights. It can be learned by following up many of these cases that some of the supposed immigrants in both Virginia and Maryland are really persons engaged in business and whoever transported them from colony to colony claimed land for bringing them into the Province.

Thomas Norris and Daniel Glover, his brother-in-law, whose wife was sister to Ann Hynson Norris, were "Transported" to Talbot County, Maryland in 1663 at which time they assigned their rights for land to one John Morgan, of Talbot Co.; Morgan did not make use of these rights until the year 1665. (Land records Lib. 9, fol. 313) We investigated the actions of this John Morgan and the records disclose he specialized in "Transporting" persons to and from Virginia to St. Mary's county, Maryland, and from St. Mary's Co., to Talbot Co., Maryland, thus securing head rights to land which he disposed of for a "consideration."

There does not appear any definite and distinct record of the date when Talbot was lined off from Kent as a separate jurisdiction. It is first mentioned in the Council in 1660-1661, and no original boundaries defined clearly. It, however, appears that from 1661 to 1665 Talbot embraced all territory from Kent Narrows and south of Kent Island to the Delaware line and Choptank river. In 1665 definite boundary was established between Kent and Talbot.

The first Court of Talbot County was held at the house of William Coursey 25 Apr. 1662. Seven Justices are named and among them is THOMAS HYNSON. At a Court held at the house of William Coursey November 1663 Edward Lloyd takes his seat as a Justice. It appears that Thomas Hynson had resigned or failed of re-appointment as we find him foreman of a jury of inquest and among the jury we find the following names of interest: Thomas Hynson, Jr.; John Hynson; Daniel Glover; and THOMAS NORRIS, sons and sons-in-law of said Thomas Hynson, Senior. (Ct. Rec. Talbot Co., also Hist. of Talbot Co., Tilghman, pp 203-205)

In 1665 Thomas Norris and Daniel Glover bought 400 acres of land jointly from Cornelius Comegys. Thomas Norris deeded his share of this land to William Lads on 26 July 1668, his wife does not appear in this deed. (Deeds Lib. 1, fol. 43)

In a Power of Attorney dated 20 June 1670 from Ann Hynson, wife of Thomas Hynson, Junior, to Thomas Norris, she empowers said Norris to represent her in the sale of a parcel of land called "Grayson's Rectified", granted to Thomas Hynson, Senior, deacd. (Deeds Lib. 1, fo. 110) The sale of this land is recorded on 20 June 1670, Thomas Hynson, Jr. to John Hynson, land on east fork of

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Wickliffe being one half of 800 acres formerly owned by Thomas Hynson, decsd., father of said Thomas and John, etc. (Deeds '4b. 1, fol. 109)

In 1673 Thomas Norris, of Talbot County, Maryland had a grant of 200 acres of land called " Norrisedery ", on Chester river. (Lib. 17, fol. 315)

On 6 Nov. 1675 Thomas Norris, of Talbot County, Maryland, bricklayer, (son of Thomas Norris, Senior) deeded to John Power 200 acres of land on Chester river for 13,000 pounds of tobacco. In this deed the land is called " Marklinborough " and it appears identical with description of land granted above in 1673.

From the above record Thomas Norris, Senior, died just prior to Nov. 1675 and intestate. He was evidently negotiating the sale of the 200 acres of land at the time of his demise and it was concluded by Thomas Norris, Junior, eldest son and heir at law.

Ann Norris, his wife, was evidently deceased prior to July 1668 as she does not appear in the deed of that date as valving dower, etc.

Children:

- 1 i Thomas (2): b 1638.
- 2 ii Edward (2): b Oct. 1639.
- iii Geoffrey: b 164-, died aet. 2 or 3 years.
- 3 iv Daniel (2): b Apr. 1643, Nansemond Co., Va.
- 4 v Alice (2): b June 1644.
- vi Cuthbert: b Aug. 1645, died aet. 23 years, drowned at sea.
- 5 vii Robert (2): b Dec. 1647, Nansemond Co., Va.
- 6 viii Ann (2): b circa 1650.
- 7 ix John (2): b 1652.

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1 THOMAS (2) NORRIS

(Thomas L.) Born St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1638. He was a mariner and was in Lancaster County, Virginia in 1659. In Order Book No. 3, fol. 98 there is an entry showing that a certificate was issued to one John Edwards for transporting into the colony in Lancaster Co. five persons, Eleanor Burton, Thos. Norriss, Margaret Lowys, and two others whose names were where what is now a worm eaten hole.

This John Edwards also appears in several records in Maryland as " transporting " persons into the colony and it appears that he did not take up land on the certificates issued but disposed of them. Thomas did not long remain in Lancaster but moved to Northumberland Co. where he married about 1661 Martha, daughter of William Ironmonger and an only child, they resided in said county to 1667 when Martha died. Thomas left his children with the grandparents and returned to Maryland and resided with his parents in Talbot Co.

He married (2) prior to 1671 Elizabeth Hosier, of Kent County, Maryland and they moved to Charleston, South Carolina prior to Aug. 1671 where Thomas had a certificate for land. Patent for this land is not extant, however, the following records show he had this land laid out; on 7 Dec. 1672 a grant of land was made to one Richard Deyos, for 300 acres of land contained in between " the land laid out for Thos. Norris to the South and Anthony Churn to the North. " (Land Warrants 1672-79) On 30 May 1674 a warrant was issued to Ralph Marshall for 148 acres of land on East side of Ashley River bounded on the South by land of Samuel West and on the North by land laid out to Thos. Norris (ibid) On 11 Feb. 1698 there was a grant of 200 acres of land to John Pendarvis which embraced part of a grant to Stephen Bull and part of the land originally laid out for Thomas Norris. (Charleston records).

There does not appear any evidence that Thomas ever lived on this land tho he and his wife remained in Charleston to March 1674 when they returned to Maryland and Thomas is again recorded as " transported," but does not make any claim for land, etc.

He abandoned the sea about this time and became a bricklayer. In Dec. 1674 Thomas made a trip to Lancaster Co., Virginia to bring his daughter to his home and is again recorded as transported.

In 1675 they moved to Kent County, Maryland where Thomas completed a land deal which was commenced by his father who died while the negotiations were being made, this concluding sale was of date Nov. 1675.

Thomas had two grants of land in Kent County, Maryland in 1677 " Prickle Pear " and " Presbury." (Lib. 19, fol. 405) In 1681 he had another grant called " Norris his Forrest." (Lib. 21, fol. 233) " Norris Forrest appears to have been disposed of to Daniel Norris, his brother, as sd Daniel devised this land to his son, Daniel, who in turn devised it to his brother-in-law, John Ball,

In the spring of 1683 Thomas made a visit to Lancaster Co., Virginia to

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8 JOHN (3) NORRIS

(Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Charleston, South Carolina in 1672. Moved to Maryland with his parents in 1674. He went to sea when about 17 years of age and was a mariner for some years sailing out of Baltimore.

He married about 1705 Mary Winifred, daughter of Henry Patrick, born Maryland 1689. They migrated to Charleston, South Carolina where he had a grant of land 11 Nov. 1707, for 300 acres in Colleton District. There is no record of disposition of this land in Charleston, and Colleton records are not extant.

They were living in St. Philip's Parish in 1748-49 where John died in the early 1750's. Mary Winifred, called " Winnie," moved to Abbeville District, South Carolina near her son, Robert Norris, and is recorded in the family records as among those who were massacred by the Indians at Long Cane in Feb. 1760.

Children: (known)

- 22 i Patrick (4): b June 1707 Kent Co., Md.
- 23 ii John (4): b 1710.
- iii Cuthbert: b 1713, probably died small.
- iv Mary: b 1716, married 4 Oct. 1749, St. Philip's Parish, S.C. to Joseph Jones.
- 24 v Henry (4): b circa 1719.
- 25 vi Robert (4): b 1722.

9 JOSEPH (3) NORRIS

(Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Kent County, Maryland July 1683, posthumous. He followed his brother, John, and was a mariner sailing out of Baltimore and later out of Charleston, South Carolina.

He married prior to 1710 Ann, born 1693, not known if South Carolina or Maryland. They settled in Baltimore, Maryland where Ann died in 1741. Traditional records from three branches of his children, entirely unknown to each other at present, state Joseph was lost at sea about 1758-59. We have not discovered record indicating he ever owned any land. Said to have been 13 children.

Children: (known)

- 26 i Joseph (4): b 10 Jan. 1710.
- ii Elizabeth: b 1716.
- iii Mary: b 171-.
- iv Ann: b 172-, married 7 May 1745 Benjamin Torrey, Baltimore, Md.
- 27 → v Robert (4): b Oct. 1723.
- 28 vi William (4): b 1725.
- 29 vii Edward (4): b Feb. 1727.
- 30 viii John (4): b 1729.

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- 31 ix Thomas (4): b 1732.
x James: b 1737. He administered the estate of his brother, John, in 1787 in Baltimore Co., Md.
He married 24 Oct. 1802 Ann Collier; she died and was buried 11 Nov. 1808, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore. James had a certificate for land called "Norris Inheritance" in 1810 and the patent for this land was made out and delivered to "Children and heirs of John Norris, deacd." (Lib. IUK fol 443) James died and was buried 28 Nov. 1824. No children of record.

10 WILLIAM (3) NORRIS

(Edward 2, Thomas 1.) Born Anne Arundell County, Maryland in 1661. He migrated to Lancaster County, Virginia where his cousin, Martha Norris was residing in the early 1680's and there married prior to 1684 Martha, daughter of Thomas Husband, born circa 1659 in Virginia.

There appears to be considerable misinformation concerning MARTHA NORRIS of Lancaster County, Virginia owing to the fact, not generally known, that there were two of this name contemporary. One branch of the family who made some searches selected ONE deed (Lab. 7, fol. 37) and assumed that Martha of this deed was widow of Thomas Norris mentioned in the deed, and that they were the progenitors of the Norris family of Lancaster County.

Another source of misinformation came from a party not connected with nor interested in the Norris family but who made searches of the records and stated that "Martha was a daughter of George Wale" quoting Order Book 1685. We carefully examined this book of some 250 pages and NO INDEX and failed to find anything to substantiate the statement. We later interviewed the party who made the written statement, he resides in Lancaster, Va., he did not recall making the statement and did not have any copies of anything he may have written. He did, however, search this book in our presence and failed to find anything to verify what he had written.

There was found in May term of Court 1685, page 202, "Order to William MORRIS who married one of the daughters of Mr. George Wale (deacd.)" This is no doubt what he based his statement upon.

William Norris was a blacksmith and settled in Lancaster after his marriage. Martha appears to have inherited land from her father. There does not appear any record of William Norris purchasing or disposing of any real estate.

In Minutes of a Court 12 Nov. 1684; this Court orders paid to Martha Norris for attending a Court at James City as a witness for the State vs Edward Husband late of this county, for eight days with two days going and two days returning, a total of twelve days, same to be against the estate of Thomas Husband, etc. It further appears that sd Martha Norris paid expenses of an additional witness and it is ordered to be reimbursed this amount, etc.

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Piles Delight", and 3 1/2 acres part of a tract of Joseph Robinett. (Deeds Lib. D, fol. 349) On 1 May 1786 Joseph Norris, of BEDFORD CO., PA., bought a slave of Conrad Sheets, of Washington Co., Md. (Deeds Lib. D, fol. 739) On 19 Dec. 1789 Joseph Norris sold to Joseph Chapline for 500 pounds 125 acres of land called "Pyles Delight". Mary, his wife, does not appear in this record as she died in 1788. (Deeds Lib. F, fol. 545)

They resided at one time in Bedford Co., Pa. The latter part of his life was spent in Washington Co., Md. Joseph lived to an advanced age and died in 1816-1817. Family records state that he made a visit on horseback to his son, John, in Huntingdon Co., Pa. when over 100 years of age.

Records show that he served as Private in Capt. Joseph Chapline's company in French and Indian War 1757-58, and is listed with 7 days quartering, etc. Md. Hist. Mag. ix, 278).

Children: (known)

- 81 i Joseph (5): b 1753 Md.
- 82 ii Benjamin (5): b Oct. 1755.
- iii Mary: b 175--.
- iv Rachel: b 175--.
- v Elizabeth: b 1782.
- 83 vi John (5): b 16 Mar. 1764.

27 ROBERT (4) NORRIS

(Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Maryland Oct. 1723, probably Baltimore County. He was a mariner and settled at Georgetown, South Carolina where he married prior to 1745 Edith James, born 173--.

They located in Cheraw District, South Carolina where he engaged in farming. He studied medicine later and became a practicing physician. They resided in the section that was on the line of Chesterfield Darlington Districts later. Some of his land was in Darlington District.

In "Old Cheraws", by Gregg, page 451 is found an item of interest: "At a meeting of the legislature Jan. 1790 Henry Cannon & Charles Evans appear to have been the only members present from St. Davids. On the 20th of January the following County Court Justices were appointed - for Darlington, Samuel Mathis, Henry Cannon, & Dr. Rob't Norris."

Dr. Norris died during the year of 1790 and before the census was taken, as Edith, his widow, is listed as living in Cheraw District. She was residing in Chesterfield Dist. in 1800 and died in 1811 at the home of her son, Thomas, in Horry Dist. over 80 years of age.

Children:

- 84 i William (5): b Dec. 1745.
- ii Mary: b 17--.

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- iii Sarah: b. 17--. leaves from one Mrs. Eliza in 1744 will.
- iv Margaret: b. 17--. spent in 1758. Edward married into the family.
- 85 v Thomas (5): b. 1757. lived in the family in the 1750s.
- 86 vi Joel Joseph (5): b. 1760. ask for a patent on the land in 1760.
- vii John: b. 1783 S.C. He married prior to 1787 Martha Jones, b. S.C. 1768. They resided in Darlington Dist., S.C. in 1800. Migrated to Georgia about 1815 where John died prior to 1830. Martha is stated to have married a second time, name unknown. They had:
- 1 John: b. 1787 S.C. Was a mechanic, died in Gwinnett Co., Ga. in 1853-5. Never married.
 - 2 Martha: b. 1790.
 - 3 Sarah: b. 1792.
 - 4 Amanda: b. 1792.
 - 5 Edith: b. 179-, died 1805.
 - 6 Mary Elizabeth: b. 1799, married a Mr. Smith.
- viii Ellen: b. 176-.
- ix Robert Frederick: b. 1768. He married prior to 1791 resided in Georgetown Dist., S.C. in 1800. They migrated before 1810. No further record.
- 28 WILLIAM (4) NORRIS

(Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland in 1725. He married in 1745, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Norris, No. 36, born 29 May 1725. William was a farmer and died about 1750.

Benjamin Norris in his will, 4 Apr. 1770, devised to Sarah land called "Addition to Sheppard's Range", also "Enlargement". If she should die all to revert to her daughter, Mary, wife of James Norris, of Edward, etc. On 6 Sept. 1770 Benjamin deeded to Sarah Norris the land called "Addition to Sheppard's Range."

Sarah dated her will 20 Oct. 1770 and it was probated 15 June 1780 in Harford Co., Md. she leaves all estate and lands to "my daughter, Mary, wife of James, son of Edward Norris."

Children:

- i Mary: b. 1746, married James Norris, No. 105, which see.

29 EDWARD (4) NORRIS

(Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland Feb. 1727. He was a mariner for some years. He married 19 Sept. 1754 Mary Wyle, born Md. 173-.

Resided in Baltimore county to about 1770 when they moved to Harford

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- 241 iv John (6): b 5 Aug. 1787.
v Elizabeth: b 9 Nov. 1789, married 4 Aug. 1810 Isaac Davis. She died 20 May 1814, left a daughter.
1 Ann Davis: b 181-.
- 242 vi Eli (6): b 29 Feb. 1792.
- 243 vii Hannah (6): b 28 Mar. 1794.
- viii Lydia: b 21 Sept. 1796, married 26 June 1817 Jacob Crist, had a son named William, probably other children.
- 244 ix Susanna (6): b 11 Apr. 1799.

83 JOHN (5) NORRIS

(Joseph 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Frederick County, Maryland 18 Mar. 1764. He married (1) Frederick County, Md., 18 Mar. 1795 Elizabeth Rigdon, born Maryland 177-.

They moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania for a few years then moved to Washington County, Maryland in Upper Antietam Hundred where they resided for some years moving to Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania about 1805 where Elizabeth died in 1806. He married (2) prior to 1811 Nancy Ann Walker, of Pennsylvania. He died in the late 1830's. Resided in Hopewell township where Nancy died 9 June 1845.

Children:

- 245 i Jacob (6): b 1796.
ii Amelia: b 1798 Washington Co., Md. married John Welk, died after 1850. No children.
- 246 iii John (6): b Nov. 1799.
iv Julia: b 1801, married Louis Snyder, of Huntingdon Co., Pa. She was a widow in 1850. They had, known:
1 Louis Snyder, Jr.: b 1832 Pa.
v Elizabeth Rigdon: b 1804 Washington Co., Md., married 9 Mar. 1819 John Faubel of Frederick Co., Md. They moved to Washington Co., Md. where they purchased a lot in Boonsboro from Jacob Norris, her brother, on 18 June 1821. (Deeds Lib. LL, fol. 273) No record of any children.
- 247 vi Joseph (6): b 1806.
- 248 vii David (6): b 1812, 2d wife.
- 249 viii James S. (6): b 4 Mar. 1813.
- 250 ix Thomas (6): b 1814-15.
- 251 x Eleanor (6): b 31 Jan. 1817.

84 WILLIAM (5) NORRIS

(Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Cheraw District, South Carolina in Dec. 1745. He married prior to 1771. No record discovered as to who she was; a traditional record claims she was a daughter of Joel Kitley and Martha Bickers, and from some of the names of his children it appears possible that this is correct.

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William served in the Revolution as a Private in Capt. Samuel Wise's Company, in service Sept. 1775. (Rec. Hist. Com. S.C.)

They migrated to Georgia about 1802 and were both deceased before 1820.

Children: (known)

- 252 i Joel (6): b 1771.
- 253 ii William (6): b 1773.
- 254 iii Thomas Biggers (6): b 1775.
- 255 iv James (6): b 1776.
- v Olivia: b 1778. Moved to Georgia and later lived with her brother, John, in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. She was living in 1850. Never married.
- 256 vi George (6): b 1779.
- 257 vii John (6): b 1781.
- 258 viii Joseph Motley (6): b 1784.

85 THOMAS (5) NORRIS

(Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Cheraw District, South Carolina in 1757. He married there prior to 1782 Nancy born South Carolina in 1772-3. *was Nancy also a Motley??*

They resided in Chesterfield and Horry Districts, South Carolina. Thomas died in 1842 and Nancy moved to Alabama to her sons, John and Thomas, and moved to Texas with her son, Thomas, where she died in 1849.

Children: (known)

- 259 i John (6): b 1788.
- 260 ii Motley (6): b 1792.
- iii Nancy. b 1800. Was living with her brother, Motley, in 1850. Santa Rosa Co., Fla. She died in Ala. before 1860. Never married.
- 261 iv Thomas M. (6): b 1803.
- 262 v William (6): b 1805.
- 263 vi Joseph Lincoln (6): b 1807.

86 JOEL JOSEPH (5) NORRIS

(Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Cheraw District, South Carolina in 1760. He married prior to 1786 Sarah born Virginia 1770.

They moved to Robeson County, North Carolina and resided there till 1816 when they moved to Tennessee where Joel J. died in the 1830's. Sarah was living in 1860 and resided with her daughter, Dasha, in White County, Tennessee.

Children: (known)

- 264 i John (6): b 1786 S.C.
- 265 ii William (6): b 1788 N.C.

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8 Josephine: b 1852.

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v Thomas Jefferson (7): b 1816 Ky.
vi George: b 1828 Ala., married 1847 Mary A. Collins, born Ala.
1829. Resided Tuscaloosa County, Ala. They had:

- 1 Collins P.: b 1848.
- 2 Elizabeth: b May 1850.
- 3 Lucy: b 1853.
- 4 Henrietta: b 1855.
- 5 Anna C.: b 1856-7.

258 JOSEPH HOTLEY (6) NORRIS

(William 5, Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Chesterfield District, South Carolina in 1784. He was a farm laborer and remained in South Carolina when his parents moved to Georgia.

He married prior to 1808 Isabella Hester. They migrated to Mississippi about 1818 and located in Green County where Isabella died in 1832, and he married (2) about 1835 Cendia Clifton, born South Carolina in 1806. He was a farmer, both living in 1850 Green County, Mississippi.

Children: (1st wife)

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- i Hotley Joseph (7): b 1806.
- ii Mary: b 1811.
- iii Rebecca: b 1813.
- iv Isabella: b 1820.
- v William Hester: b 1828. Served as Pvt. Co. 16th Miss. Cav., U.S.A.

your Matilda must be here b 1804

Children: (2d wife)

- vi Clifton: b 1837.
- vii Leroy: b 1837. Twins
- viii Ailesey: b 1841.

259 JOHN (6) NORRIS

(Thomas 5, Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Cheraw, latter Chesterfield District, South Carolina in 1788.

He married about 1808 Nancy, born South Carolina in 1790. They resided a few years in Columbus County, North Carolina then returned to Chesterfield District, South Carolina.

They migrated to Alabama in 1835 and located in Talapoosa County. Both living in 1850 but are not listed in 1860 and were both probably deceased.

Children: (known)

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E. W. Norris. Of this minister, Rev. W. W. Head writes in 1884: "I knew but little of Brother Norris and can only say he lived in Choctaw county and was pastor of a church there where he held a meeting of days every year just at the time of the meeting of the association, by which he was often prevented from attending. It was a wonder to some of us where he found so many to be converted year after year in the same neighborhood. He must have had considerable power as a preacher to have continued so long with such results. It was my privilege to hear him only once, as I now remember, and at the association. He set out in his sermon on that occasion with extraordinary ability; but while many, at least, were deeply interested, expecting much more to be said he suddenly closed. Something was said afterwards about a motion that

he be requested to complete that sermon. Brother Norris was much respected; most where best known.

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Oct 8, 1995

Dear Sean,

Enclosed you will find the Motley Norris. Line As I promised There are other Norrises with Motley as a second name. Joseph Motley Norris, Joel Motley, And probably others I have yet to see.

If this is indeed your line it can be carried back to the immigrant - And beyond. This Manuscript is fantastic in its coverage of Norrises. I am so happy to have this copy.

I will send you the line on back if this proves to be yours. I can understand you desire to find your lineage. I searched 12 years for this "book" only to find it was not a book but a Manuscript in the library of Congress - Rare book Section. I had only pages out of the work before I got my copy. It's so large - it weighs 23 pounds and covers nearly 1500 pages. This is one of two books the whole (the other also has 1500-1600 pages) and it too has a large amount of Norrises. I don't intend to get it since my line is in this Section. And probably yours too.

How are we related? Very far back - in fact to the immigrant. You are descended from the immigrant oldest son Thomas. I am descended from the immigrant youngest son John. I have learned much Norris genealogy.

I have just gotten material out of England. I've not had time to read it. It's wills and appointments in our line. Several weeks back I received several Christenings on our line back to 1598. It's old English script. The Church is also pictured.

You must understand I am not a genealogist. I am a Norris who set out 15 years ago to find

My lineage. My quest has been long and confusing but
along the way I sought to help others who were seeking
their lines. I have always believed if I helped others
the Lord would one day return it to me - and so it
worked in that manner. Not in my time but rather
in his time. But I stand in humble gratitude.

Let me know if this is your line. I don't
want to cumber you with material that isn't yours.
It can get expensive sending the wrong line.

How can you help me? Tell other Norrises
you may encounter about me. I need the maiden
name of Elizabeth — ? wife of Joseph Norris,
born 1729 - died 80. before 1790. Said Joseph and Elizabeth
are the parents of my Luke Norris, who came to
Ms. about 1811-1814. (Luke Norris is my 3rd great grand
father. THANK you.

I hope this is your help. Best wishes to
you on your Norris quest.

Sincerely

Your Distant Cousin

LEAH NORRIS STEWART

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Dear Jean;

You probably don't have any idea of who I am, but I think my dad corresponded with you on genealogy before his death. His name was Carlos McLain. I am trying to carry on his research on our family lines and in doing so have corresponded with Patti Collins a couple of times. In her letter of today, she made reference to a book that she had photocopied on the Norris line. I would love to have a copy of the book and Patti said that it would probably be easier for you to copy since her copy is still packed away from her recent move.

If this would be convenient for you, it would be so greatly appreciated. We have been looking for a continuation on this line for many years. I would be glad to reimburse you for any expenses you encounter.

I am also sending along a copy of my pedigree sheet so you can see how these lines are all tied together.

Sincerely,

Gwen
Gwen McLain Chapo

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the name of Thomas and his associates do not show.

It appears that after his marriage Thomas settled down and became a planter and was associated with his brother-in-law, Daniel Glover, in St. Mary's county, and was possibly associated with his father-in-law in Nansemond County, Virginia.

In 1643 Thomas Norris made a trip to Nansemond County, Virginia to the home of his father-in-law, he was reported by one John Carter who secured head rights. In 1647 he made another trip to "Nansemond" county, Virginia and was reported by one L. Peeters, who also secured head rights. It can be learned by following up many of these cases that some of the supposed immigrants in both Virginia and Maryland are really persons engaged in business and whoever transported them from colony to colony claimed land for bringing them into the Province.

Thomas Norris and Daniel Glover, his brother-in-law, whose wife was sister to Ann Hynson Norris, were "Transported" to Talbot County, Maryland in 1663 at which time they assigned their rights for land to one John Morgan, of Talbot Co.; Morgan did not make use of these rights until the year 1665. (Land records Lib. 9, fol. 313) We investigated the actions of this John Morgan and the records disclose he specialized in "Transporting" persons to and from Virginia to St. Mary's county, Maryland, and from St. Mary's Co., to Talbot Co., Maryland, thus securing head rights to land which he disposed of for a "consideration."

There does not appear any definite and distinct record of the date when Talbot was lined off from Kent as a separate jurisdiction. It is first mentioned in the Council in 1660-1661, and no original boundaries defined clearly. It, however, appears that from 1661 to 1665 Talbot embraced all territory from Kent Narrows and south of Kent Island to the Delaware line and Choptank river. In 1665 definite boundary was established between Kent and Talbot.

The first Court of Talbot County was held at the house of William Coursey 25 Apr. 1662. Seven Justices are named and among them is THOMAS HYNSON. At a Court held at the house of William Coursey November 1663 Edward Lloyd takes his seat as a Justice. It appears that Thomas Hynson had resigned or failed of re-appointment as we find him foreman of a jury of inquest and among the jury we find the following names of interest: Thomas Hynson, Jr.; John Hynson; Daniel Glover; and THOMAS NORRIS, sons and sons-in-law of said Thomas Hynson, Senior. (Ct. Rec. Talbot Co., also Hist. of Talbot Co., Tilghman, pp 203-205)

In 1665 Thomas Norris and Daniel Glover bought 400 acres of land jointly from Cornelius Comegys. Thomas Norris deeded his share of this land to William Lads on 26 July 1668, his wife does not appear in this deed. (Deeds Lib. 1, fol. 43)

In a Power of Attorney dated 20 June 1670 from Ann Hynson, wife of Thomas Hynson, Junior, to Thomas Norris, she empowers said Norris to represent her in the sale of a parcel of land called "Grayson's Rectified", granted to Thomas Hynson, Senior, deacd. (Deeds Lib. 1, fo. 110) The sale of this land is recorded on 20 June 1670, Thomas Hynson, Jr. to John Hynson, land on east fork of

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a few years returning to Ashe County, North Carolina where John died about 1793. Ann survived him and moved to Tennessee with her sons about 1815 and died there before 1820. ... Henry Patcham, and Martha Lawle, son-in-law James Davis. Procu- ... Children: (known)

- i Mary: b 1774, died young.
- 202 ii Simon William (6): b 1776.
- iii Susan Ann: b 177-, married Ebenezer Castle, probably lived in North Carolina.
- iv Jonathans: b 177-.
- 203 v Gilbert (6): b 1780 N.C.
- 204 vi John Samuel (6): b 1783, Va.
- vii Sarah Elizabeth: b 1785 Va., married 1802 David Miller, b Rowan Co., N.C., a farmer, resided Wilkes Co., N.C. Both living in 1850. They had, known:
 - 1 Leonard Millers: b 1803 N.C., married prior to 1834 Elizabeth b N.C. 1810. Resided Wilkes Co., N.C. They had:
 - a Columbus Miller: b 1834.
 - b Alexander Miller: b 1838.
 - 2 David Miller, Jr.: b 1811, married prior to 1844 Sarah b N.C. 1815. Resided Wilkes Co., N.C. They had:
 - a Mary Miller: b 1844.
 - b Isabella Miller: b 1849.
- viii James: b 1791 Wilkes Co., N.C., married prior to 1816 Michael Parsons, born Surry Co., N.C. 1785. He was a farmer, both living in 1850 and resided Wilkes Co., N.C. They had, known:
 - 1 Nancy Parsons: b 1821.
 - 2 William Parsons: b 1832.
 - 3 Caloway Parsons: b 1840. Twins.
 - 4 Payton Parsons: b 1840.
- 205 ix Thomas (6): b 1793 N.C.

73 JAMES (5) NORRIS

(John 4, -John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born in Colleton District, South Carolina in 1780, moved to Georgia and Abbeville District, South Carolina with his parents in 1780's.

He migrated to North Carolina in 1778-9. He served in the Revolution, most likely from South Carolina as North Carolina records do not contain his name. He received a Bounty Grant for land in Warren County, Georgia in 1827 for Revolutionary service (Ga. Roster, p 363)

He married prior to 1781 Elizabeth born 176-. They migrated to Georgia about 1792 and located in part that became Warren County. He shows on a Tax List this county in 1818 and in census of 1820. Elizabeth was living in 1830 and died before Aug. 1832. He dated his will 21 Aug. 1832 and it was pro-

INTRODUCTION

This work represents the results of a great many years of research. The pleasure of historical research and the wish to preserve historical facts have been the moving causes for the production of this book. In examining various records everything of the name was abstracted regardless of whether a direct bearing was apparent or not and all related families were carefully examined for indirect evidence.

We have accepted no traditional records at face value and where any such are used herein it is clearly so stated and their use is for the sole purpose of aiding any one who may be interested at some future time.

We have traced down the various families of Norris found in the early records of the colonies of Virginia and Maryland to a date where they could be eliminated. Unfortunately there does not exist any record showing exact date of arrival of Thomas Norris, the progenitor of this tribe, however, his associations show him in Virginia about 1630-1631 and he was in what later became Maryland prior to 1634. The first record in Maryland is 1637 when Thomas transports his wife, Ann; he is next mentioned in court records 1639-40, etc. The next mention of Norris in Maryland is when Thomas Norris and his brother-in-law were "transported" to Talbot county from St. Mary's county in 1662-63 disposing of their rights to John Morgan who recorded his papers in 1665. There follows record 3 Mar. 1674 of Thomas Norris on a list produced by Joseph Tilley, and in Dec. 1674 Thomas Norris is on a list of James Connaway, see Thomas Norris, No. 1. In an account of servants brought into the Province of Maryland by Francis Porter (25) "certified that 10 of these were imported by him in the ship Prosperous of London in 1675 and the other 15 in the ship Merchants Consent of London in 1676 and the yr 1677 & that he never had disposed of the rights for land nor had he made use of it directly or indirectly," this dated 9 Feb. 1677-78. This list contains the name of "John Norres." This John Norres lived the rest of his life in Ann Arundell county, Maryland and died after 1711 leaving two sons, Thomas and Joseph; his son, Thomas, married Sarah, daughter of Edward Parrish and his will was probated 3 May 1711, Ann Arundell Co., Maryland, names his father, John Norris and Edward Parrish, and his brother, Joseph. This family has no connection with Thomas Norris, the Immigrant.

In Oct. 1677 Thomas Taylor, of Dorchester Co., Maryland claims rights for 27 persons among whom is Ann Norris, her identity is unknown and this list of persons are shown as from London. The next record is "Transported by Capt. John Harris on ship "Dover" of London, Willi. Norris, anno 1678. " He was clerk of the vestry of All Faith's Parish, St. Mary's Co., Maryland and appears frequently in the records to 1700. He moved to Baltimore Co., Maryland about 1705, his wife was named Sarah; St. George's

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Parish records show he died 2 May 1720. His will was dated 2 May 1720 and probated 20 May 1720, left two daughters, Mary born 1704 married Henry Million, and Elce, born 1713 married John Lee. No connection with Thomas Norris, the Immigrant.

In the Assembly proceedings occur the names of " Henry Norrice, Stephen Norrice and Richard Norrice." Henry Norrice or Norris lived and died in Charles Co., Maryland. His will dated 5 Jan. 1712 was probated 25 Jan. 1713, left one child, a daughter, who married prior to 1712 John Fairfax. No trace of Stephen Norrice has ever been found. Richard Norrice moved to Virginia as appears below. None of these are connected to Thomas Norris, the Immigrant, so far as known.

In Virginia the earliest record of Norris extant is 1639 when " Elizaboth Norris came to James City Co., Virginia," nothing to show from whence she came nor does she appear in subsequent records. In 1643 there is record of Richard Norrice or Norris coming to James City Co., and this is the Richard Norris of St. Mary's Co., Maryland moving to Virginia. This Richard left descendants, there is record of a son, John, who had a grant of land in Nansemond Co., Virginia in 1681, some of John's descendants moved to Stafford Co., Virginia and some to North Carolina and subsequently to Georgia.

There is record of Thomas Norris coming to Nansemond Co. in 1643, and again in 1647, this Thomas is Thomas Norris of Maryland who made these trips to the home of his father-in-law, Thomas Hynson, etc. In 1659 there is record of Thomas Norris in Lancaster Co., Virginia who is accounted for in Thomas Norris No. 1. There is no further mention of Norris in Virginia till John Norris in 1681 who has the grant of land above mentioned. Those who follow are fully accounted for in the body of this work.

The study of the Thomas Norris of this record was not an individual study but of all of those with whom he was associated in any manner and were investigated as a group. This study revealed that Thomas Hynson, later his father-in-law, and Samuel Glover were residents of Nansemond Co., Virginia and were natives of Norfolk Co., England. Thomas Hynson and his son, John, Samuel Glover and his son, Daniel, and Thomas Norris were associated with William Claiborne and his trading post colony established on Kent Island prior to 1634. Thomas Hynson returned to Virginia at the time of the Baltimore-Claiborne controversy and remained there to 1662 when he moved to Talbot Co., Maryland and was followed by his sons-in-law from St. Mary's Co., Maryland, i.e., Thomas Norris and Daniel Glover.

In the various branches of this family of Norris which we have encountered in this country in which any attempt to form the family tree has been made they have invariably "hooked " on to Sir Henry Norris, who, with his six sons is buried in Westminster Abbey. Records clearly and definitely show the futility of making any claim of descent from this man unless through a FEMALE line.

In the county of Norfolk, England there occur several families of Norris at an early date. The celebrated antiquarian, Anthony Norris, who lived in this county spent the greater part of his life trying to connect these families without any success.

In the case of Thomas Norris there occurred the fact of his associates being from Norfolk County, England; there also appeared in the names of his children two unusual ones that continued to appear in at least one line of his descendants with considerable regularity, i.e., Geoffrey and Cuthbert. The occurrence of these names lead to the investigation of the English records for families having these names and there was found but one family in which these names ever occurred and they occurred with regularity therein; later we discovered two family records in a branch of the family, Nos. 15, 45, 134 and 366, which gave conclusive evidence that Thomas belonged to this particular family. One of these families resided in Kentucky and the other in Ohio; the living members having no knowledge of each other at the present time, and apparently the last knowledge the Ohio family had of the Kentucky family was more than eighty years ago.

We have found the name quite common in every section of the country. Many of the names show in 1850 census as arriving in America after 1840. Even in Virginia where the impression exists in many families that ALL Virginia Norris families are descendants of the Lancaster County Family, there appear after 1850 quite a number of families who are foreign to this state, some coming from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York, and several families show with children born in Ireland. Even in Lancaster County it was found that after 1750 at least two branches of this particular family were resident therein, i.e., No. 10 and No. 17, and in the adjoining counties No. 58.

We have endeavored to record facts accurately and impartially, many persons have been located who refused any information whatever either by letter or personal interview.

It is possible some errors have crept in as we have had to rely on indirect sources in some of these cases of the living members.

Those who have furnished information and records of themselves and others have our sincere thanks. Those who from any cause neglected to impart the desired information, often repeatedly requested, may, when too late, regret their indifference.

HISTORICAL

The early patronymic of this family was MOREY, or NORREYS. The family is an ancient one in England and there is claim they came from Normandy about the time of William the Conqueror.

The earliest definite record appears to be that of Alane Norreys who was in Sutton long before the time of Henry III (1206). This line is shown in Burke's Peerage and is the line of the Sir Henry Norris who is buried in Westminster Abbey.

There appears in Burke's General Armory some twenty six other families of the name of Norreys, Norres and Norris who have been granted arms at some period and all different, so far as is known these families are not related. Whether all of them originally started from Alane Norreys of Sutton is not definitely known.

Of the known American families, Nicholas Norris, born ca 1640, appears to be the 8th generation of one Thomas Norris of Speke, came to New Hampshire about 1644-65, left descendants. Reverend Edward Norris, non-conformist, came to Salem, Massachusetts about 1639, left descendants. Isaac Norris, who came to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1684-85, was the only surviving member of the family of Thomas Norris who died in Barbadoes, and appears to have been from Essex County, England, left descendants. Isaac Norris, born ca 1795, England was a sea captain came to Baltimore, Maryland in 1830's and left descendants.

None of these are known to be related to each other or to Thomas Norris of this record.

The various families of this name who resided in Norfolk County, England prior to 1700 are not proven to be related nor is it known from whence Geoffrey Norreys came when he first appears in this county.

There is a similarity in the arms of Geoffrey's descendant, John Norris, of Congham, and that of Thomas Norris, of Glamorgan, Wales though the College of Heralds, London, states there is no known record of relationship.

This history begins with Geoffrey Norreys:

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- iii Sarah: b. 17--. lease from one Luke Riley on land called
iv Margaret: b. 17--. spent in 1756. Edward entered into an agreement
85 v Thomas (5): b. 1757. spent some time in the land as a merchant
86 vi Joel Joseph (5): b. 1760. ask for a patent on the land which
vii John: b. 1763 S.C. He married prior to 1787 Martha Jones, b. S.C.
1768. They resided in Darlington Dist., S.C. in 1800. Migrated to
Georgia about 1816 where John died prior to 1830. Martha is stated
to have married a second time, name unknown. They had:
1 John: b. 1787 S.C. Was a mechanic, died in Gwinnett Co., Ga.
in 1853-5. Never married.
2 Martha: b. 1790.
3 Sarah: b. 1792.
4 Amanda: b. 179--.
5 Edith: b. 179--. died 1805.
6 Mary Elizabeth: b. 1799, married a Mr. Smith.
viii Ellen: b. 176--.
ix Robert Frederick: b. 1768. He married prior to 1791
resided in Georgetown Dist., S.C. in 1800. They migrated before
1810. No further record.
- 28 WILLIAM (4) MORRIS

(Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland in
1725. He married in 1745, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Norris, No. 36,
born 29 May 1725. William was a farmer and died about 1750.

Benjamin Norris in his will, 4 Apr. 1770, devised to Sarah land called
"Addition to Sheppard's Range", also "Enlargement". If she should die all to
revert to her daughter, Mary, wife of James Norris, of Edward, etc. On 6 Sept.
1770 Benjamin deeded to Sarah Norris the land called "Addition to Sheppard's
Range."

Sarah dated her will 20 Oct. 1770 and it was probated 15 June 1780 in
Harford Co., Md. she leaves all estate and lands to "my daughter, Mary, wife
of James, son of Edward Norris."

Children:

- i Mary: b. 1746, married James Norris, No. 108, which see.

29 EDWARD (4) MORRIS

(Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland Feb.
1727. He was a mariner for some years. He married 19 Sept. 1754 Mary Wyle,
born Md. 173--.

Resided in Baltimore county to about 1770 when they moved to Harford

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9 Josephine: b 1852.

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v Thomas Jefferson (7): b 1816 Ky.
vi George: b 1828 Ala., married 1847 Mary A. Collins, born Ala.
1829. Resided Tuscaloosa County, Ala. They had:

- 1 Collins F.: b 1848.
- 2 Elizabeth: b May 1850.
- 3 Lucy: b 1853.
- 4 Henrietta: b 1856.
- 5 Anna C.: b 1856-7.

258 JOSEPH NOTLEY (6) MORRIS

(William 5, Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Chesterfield District, South Carolina in 1784. He was a farm laborer and remained in South Carolina when his parents moved to Georgia.

He married prior to 1808 Isabella Hester. They migrated to Mississippi about 1818 and located in Green County where Isabella died in 1832, and he married (2) about 1835 Cendis Clifton, born South Carolina in 1806. He was a farmer, both living in 1850 Green County, Mississippi.

Children: (1st wife)

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- i Notley Joseph (7): b 1808.
- ii Mary: b 1811.
- iii Rebecca: b 1813.
- iv Isabella: b 1820.
- v William Hester: b 1828. Served as Pvt. Co. 18th Miss. Cav., C.S.A.

your mother must be here b 1804

Children: (2d wife)

- vi Clifton: b 1837.
- vii Leroy: b 1837. Twins
- viii Ailsey: b 1841.

259 JOHN (6) MORRIS

(Thomas 5, Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Cheraw, later Chesterfield District, South Carolina in 1788.

He married about 1809 Nancy, born South Carolina in 1790. They resided a few years in Columbus County, North Carolina then returned to Chesterfield District, South Carolina.

They migrated to Alabama in 1835 and located in Talapoosa County. Both living in 1860 but are not listed in 1860 and were both probably deceased.

Children: (known)

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to pass to my daughter Mary.

Item 3 To my son William and daughter Schperd; 200 acres called " Shepherd's Forrest ", divided equally, in case of death of either land to pass to the other.

Item 4 My daughter Elizabeth; 300 acres of land called " Redoubt ", in case she die before she is of age or leave no lawful issue, this land to pass to my younger daughter ANN.

Item 5 My daughter ANN; 300 acres of land called " Shepherd's Field ", if she die before she is of age or leave no lawful issue this land to pass to daughter Elizabeth.

Item 6 To ANNA EVANS, my sister's daughter, 100 acres a part of " Shepherd's Field ", if she die before she is of age or leave no lawful issue this land to pass to daughter ANNA.

Item 7 A parcel of land in controversy between Nich. Clouds and me, I give and bequeath one half of same to my BROTHER ROBERT NORRIS, if he can get it; and if it is recovered the other half to be sold and proceeds used to pay my debts; also, 100 acres of " Shepherd's Forrest " to be disposed of towards my debts.

Item 8 To John Ponder; 200 acres of land where he now lives.

Memorandum: If any daughter should die before she is of age, or should leave no lawful issue her share to go to my son William. If all children should die before they are of age, or should leave no lawful issue, all to pass to ANN EVANS, should she die leaving no issue then all to pass to children of ROBERT NORRIS.

Executer: Robert Norris. In case he should die before completion of the same then Jonas Greenwood to be executer.

Overseers: John Whittontton and Jonas Greenwood, who are to see that my children are not deprived of their home.

Witnesses: Mary Sherrin; John Pomder and Jonas Greenwood.

(Wills EM 1, fol. 93)

Children:

- i Mary Shepherd: b 1680.
- ii William Shepherd: b 1682.
- iii Elizabeth Shepherd: b 1684.
- iv Ann Shepherd: b 168-, 2d wife.

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7 JOHN (2) NORRIS

(Thomas 1.) Born St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1652. He married prior to 1680 Susannah, daughter of John and Susannah Heard, of St. Mary's County, Maryland.

John Heard dated his will 20 July 1696 and it was probated 31 Aug. 1696. Susannah Heard dated her will 13 May 1706 and it was probated 9 Dec. 1707; she mentions ghandchildren, John, Luke, Mark, Elizabeth and Monica Norris; son-in-law, JOHN NORRIS; and daughter Susannah NORRIS.

In a court record 1702 John Norris testified he was 50 years of age and that his son, John, was 22 years of age.

He dated his will 13 Apr. 1709 and it was probated 2 Aug. 1710; he devises to his sons, Thomas and Luke and their heirs, jointly, 100 acres of land called " Lugares Hills "; to sons, John and Mark, 164 Acres of land and the dwelling plantation; wife, Susannah, to have use of lands mentioned during her life. Both tracts to pass to daughters, Monica, Elizabeth and Mary, should sons aforesaid die without issue. (Lib. PC 1. fol. 165) Susannah was a witness to the will of John Wheatley 25 Apr. 1717 with William Heard, John Norris, (her son) and Henry Spinke. No record of her death.

John Norris was a member of the Church of England and Susannah Heard was a Roman Catholic. The daughters followed their mother in their faith.

Children:

- 18 i John (3): b 1680.
- ii Monica: b 16-- , was unmarried in 1709.
- iii Elizabeth: b 16-- , was unmarried in 1709.
- 19 iv Luke (3): b 1689.
- v Mary: b 169-- , married after 1710 Stephen Gough. He dated his will 30 Mar. 1743 and it was probated 21 Apr. 1743. Mary was named as executrix. They had:
 - 1 Ignatius Gough.
 - 2 Matthew Gough.
 - 3 Anastasia Gough.
- 20 vi Marke (3): b circa 1695, died 1780.
- 21 vii Thomas (3): b 1697, died Dec. 1761.

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Wickliffe being one half of 800 acres formerly owned by Thomas Hynson, decsd., father of said Thomas and John, etc. (Deeds '4b. 1, fol. 109)

In 1673 Thomas Norris, of Talbot County, Maryland had a grant of 200 acres of land called " Norrisdery ", on Chester river. (Lib. 17, fol. 315)

On 6 Nov. 1675 Thomas Norris, of Talbot County, Maryland, bricklayer, (son of Thomas Norris, Senior) deeded to John Power 200 acres of land on Chester river for 13,000 pounds of tobacco. In this deed the land is called " Marklinborough " and it appears identical with description of land granted above in 1673.

From the above record Thomas Norris, Senior, died just prior to Nov. 1675 and intestate. He was evidently negotiating the sale of the 200 acres of land at the time of his demise and it was concluded by Thomas Norris, Junior, eldest son and heir at law.

Ann Norris, his wife, was evidently deceased prior to July 1668 as she does not appear in the deed of that date as waiving dower, etc.

Children:

- 1 i Thomas (2): b 1638.
- 2 ii Edward (2): b Oct. 1639.
- iii Geoffrey: b 164-, died aet. 2 or 3 years.
- 3 iv Daniel (2): b Apr. 1643, Nansemond Co., Va.
- 4 v Alice (2): b June 1644.
- vi Cuthbert: b Aug. 1645, died aet. 23 years, drowned at sea.
- 5 vii Robert (2): b Dec. 1647, Nansemond Co., Va.
- 6 viii Ann (2): b circa 1650.
- 7 ix John (2): b 1652.

THOMAS NORRIS

THE DOUGRAVE

The first of the name in the Province of Virginia was born in Coughan, County Norfolk, England circa 1608. He ran away from home when a lad of about eleven years of age and went to sea which he followed until the time of his arrival in the Province of Virginia in 1630-31.

From his associates he evidently settled in Nansemond County, and being of an adventurous and roving nature he became a follower of William Claiborne in his trading adventures.

It is historically well known that the earliest settlers in what later became the Province of Maryland were the members of the trading posts established by Captain William Claiborne on what was called "Kent Island", practically most of the upper Eastern Shore, in 1627. By 1633 this was quite a sizable colony, all being Church of England followers and from the Province of Virginia.

In 1634 Lord Baltimore settled in St. Mary's, Maryland and there ensued quite a controversy between Claiborne and Baltimore which can be found in other sources and need not be recapitulated here.

Kent Island for all intents and purposes was considered as a part of St. Mary's county with no definite separate records until October 1640. (Md. Arch. i, 39, 55, 87, 361; iii, 62, 105.)

It is known that many of Claiborne's followers actually moved to St. Mary's county during the time of the Claiborne-Baltimore controversy while some of them returned to Virginia.

There is record evidence that Thomas Norris was actually in St. Mary's County, Maryland during the year 1637, i.e.:

1. Thomas was married during the year 1637 to Ann, daughter of Thomas Hynson, of Nansemond County, Virginia and Kent Island, Maryland, and transported her to St. Mary's County, Maryland in that year. (Records Annapolis 1637)

2. One Michael Lums died in St. Mary's Co., Maryland some time during the year 1638, his will was probated 4 Jan. 1639, and his estate was administered 7 May 1640 when the Provincial Court ordered the payment of his debts and among those to whom he was indebted was "THOS. NORRIS." (Prov. Ct. Rec. Annapolis, also Md. Arch. iv, 59-60, 87, 90)

There are no deed records in St. Mary's county, Maryland prior to 1831, those prior to that date having been destroyed by fire. There are a few ABSTRACTS taken from Annapolis records but they do not cover the early period. There is also a lapse in the Land Records of Annapolis from 1634 to 1658 hence

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NOREYS; NORREYS; NOREYS; NORRIS

GEOFFREY (1) NOREYS: Party to a fine in Lynn in 1361; bought land in Tilney in 1382.

Married

Issue

GEOFFREY (2) NOREYS: Born circa 1370; died

Married

Issue

1 Geoffrey (3): b 1...

11 JOHN: b, married Recorded as Sir John Norys, Vicar of South Lynn in 1444. Executor to will of his brother, Geoffrey. He died in 1504. They had:

1 John Norys

GEOFFREY (3) NOREYS: b 1... Recorded as Lord of Monpinzoun Manor, West Bilney, Norfolk.

Married 1.... MARGERY born 1.... His will dated 12 Aug. 1464, his brother, John, executor. Margery was living in 1464.

Issue

JOHN (4) NOREYS: b 1... Married Recorded as of West Bilney.

Issue

ROBERT (5) NOREYS: b circa 1460 died Married

Issue

GEOFFREY (6) NOREYS: b 14---. Recorded as under age in 1504.

Married

Issue

JOHN (7) NORRIS: b 15---. Recorded as of Congham in 1566. Married prior to 1549 Might, daughter of Might, of Gunthorpe, Norfolk. He died in 1572.

Issue

1 Thomas (8) Norris: b 1549. Patron of the living of Ammere. Married Elizabeth Guybon. His will dated 22 July 1604, pro-

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dated in 1608. They had:

1 Thomas Norris: b 1... married daughter of Christopher Hyrne. He was living in 1635 Ammere. They had:

a Thomas.

b Ann.

c Susan.

2 Alice Norris: b 1...

3 Robert (9) Norris: b 1... married (1) Lora Woodhouse;
(2) Jane Colfer. His will was probated 18 Feb. 1638-9.

Issue

a John Norris: b 1..., died unmarried. Will 1654.

b Osbert (10) Norris: b 1... married Mary Brogen.

They had:

b1 James Norris: b 1667.

c Robert Norris.

d Mary Norris.

e Alice Norris married Rops.

f Helen Norris married Bavers.

ii CUTHBERT Norris: b 15--. Was Doctor of Divinity and Arch-
deacon of Sudbury. He died in 1621.

iii Daughter Norris: b 15-- married Hopes.

iv Daughter Norris: b 15-- married Chosse.

v Edmund Norris: b 15-- married Margery His will
dated 19 Aug. 1599, codicil in 1607, probated in 1609. Mar-
gery living in 1609. No issue.

vi GEOFFREY (8) Norris: b 15--.

GEOFFREY (8) NORRIS: b 15--, married He was living in
1609 and executor to will of his brother, Edmund.

Issue

i Alice Norris.

ii Elizabeth Norris.

iii Edmund Norris.

iv THOMAS (9) NORRIS: born circa 1608.

COLLEGE OF ARMS,
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, E. C. 4

Extract.

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" The first entry of the pedigree of Norris of Congham was made in 1664, this entry being signed by Osbert Norris, and connects with his father Robert. From other sources, however, we have been able to put together a pedigree back to John Norris of Congham (grandfather of the above Robert) who died in 1572. The arms and crest as set out in the " Landed Gentry " were officially recognized with this entry in 1664. "

Sgd. H. F. Burke,
Carter

.....

ARMS: Sa., a cross pattee fitchee floury, between ten billets arg.

CREST: On a mount vert., a talbot sejant gu., collared or.

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JEAN STRICKLAND
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DEAR JEAN,

HEY. AS PROMISED HERE ARE THE SHEETS I RECEIVED ON THE NORRIS BOOK. IT'S VERY INTERESTING TO SAY THE LEAST. I'VE ALSO ENCLOSED AN ANCESTRY SHEET ON MYSELF.

HELP! SOMEHOW I GOT TOTALLY CONFUSED ABOUT BEN'S SHORT ANCESTRY YOU GAVE ME. YOU SAID THAT BEN'S GRANDFATHER WAS HENRY STRICKLAND. RIGHT? AND WHO WAS BEN'S FATHER? AND YOU THINK THAT HENRY STRICKLAND BN 1840 MAY BE A SON OF SOLOMON SINCE HE AND HIS SISTER ELIZA WER RAISED BY PRESTON AND MARTHA STRICKLAND STINSON? THAT WOULD MAKE MARTHA STRICKLAND STINSON AN OLDER SIBLING PERHAPS TO HENRY AND ELIZA. RIGHT?

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, IN THE COPY OF THE LETTER YOU WROTE TO ALFRED HILL YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO GET A COPY OF THE SUIT CONCERNING ANNE BREWER MOUNGER THOMPSON AND YOU ASKED HIM FOR DETAILED INFO HE HAD ON HOWELL BREWER ETC. WILL YOU SEND ME COPIES OF THESE SAME MATERIALS, OR AT LEAST WHATEVER YOU WERE ABLE TO GET? I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT. BY THE WAY, THAT BOOK YOU MENTIONED THE HOUSE OF BREWER IS IN THE MOBILE,AL LIBRARY AND I HAVE SEEN IT. I'V ALSO BEEN TOLD HOWEVER THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL ERRORS IN IT THOUGH. I RECENTLY PURCHASED A NEW BOOK CALLED THE LONG BREWER LINE THAT MAY ULTIMATELY HELP US ON THE BREWERS IF WE CAN TIE IN AND PROVE IT.

I'D BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT ALL OF THE ENCLOSED MATERIAL. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS.

SINCERELY,

Patti F. Collins

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crease.

To grand daughter, Anne, daughter of Benjamin: a negro girl named Jude and her increase.

Son, Benjamin: all the remainder.

Benjamin Norris named as executor, and testified he did not think it necessary to take out letters of administration on this estate. (Lib 1, fol. 364 Fr. Georges Co.)

It is to be noted that JOHN ADDISON is a witness to both of these wills. This John Addison is a brother of Mary Norris nee Addison. In the inventory of estate of John Norris by Mary in 1736 it is witnessed by " E. ADDISON, nearest kin", and Benjamin Norris; appraised by John Fraser and Luke Warbury for a total of 262-8-0 pounds. (Lib. xxi, fol. 435)

It is also to be noted that Mary does not make any mention of her son William, nor her grandson, John, son of John, deceased.

Children: (known)

- 42 1 John (4): b circa 1705.
- 43 11 William (4): b 1712.
- 44 111 Benjamin (4): b 1715-16.

15 SAMUEL (3) NORRIS

(Robert 2, Thomas 1.) Born Talbot County, Maryland in 1685. He moved with his parents to Kent County, Maryland about 1695-6. He married there Jan. 1712 Sarah, daughter of James Breward, born Maryland 1690.

James Breward had a patent for land, 200 acres, called " Breward's Reserve," surveyed 10 Nov. 1706, on north side of Chester River. Samuel Norris owned 170 acres of this land and had a certificate for a resurvey dated 1732 and it ~~was~~ appears the survey was not completed. (Cert. 33 Annapolis) He also owned at the date of his death land called " Rumford ", 74 acres, this tract originally contained 125 acres, surveyed 5 Mar. 1718 for John Reading and patented 10 May 1723. There is no record as to how Samuel Norris came into possession of this tract; he also owned land called " Castle Carey", 46 acres. No original record of this tract has been found.

Samuel was elected a Vestryman 30 Mar. 1730. Shrewsbury Parish. He dated his will 23 Dec. 1735 and it was probated 29 May 1738, by his sons, Samuel and Richard. In this will he devises:

To wife, Sarah.

To son, Samuel: gets land called " Castle Carey, 46 acres.

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No. 511. (Records Hist. Comm. S.C.) He was a prominent merchant in Charleston, S.C. He married there but the name of his wife does not appear in any record examined nor is there anything to indicate the date: but it is before 1782.

About 1782 he migrated to Camden County, Georgia where he had a grant of land, 426 acres, in 1783. In 1787 he was a candidate for the state legislature and was defeated by a small vote. He was again a candidate in 1789 and was elected. He is listed in the first session and was assigned to the Finance Committee. His name does not appear in the records of the second session.

In 1794 he had another grant of land for 1000 acres. There are a number of deeds and other instruments concerning him on record in Camden Co. The date of the death of his wife is not known tho it was prior to 1800. He appears to have had extensive business connections and one of them was Barbadoes, nothing, however, is of record to indicate the nature of the business.

He dated his will 25 Apr. 1800 and it was probated 20 May 1800. Attention is invited to the names published in the Habersham Chapter Records of Camden Co. as this will therein appears as "Thos. MORRIS." In this will he makes free a slave; a friend, is provided with a Mourning Suit and a Ring to cost not less than 25 pounds. He leaves his local holdings to his only son and child. No wife, or other relation is mentioned. He appears to be the only Norris of record in this county till well after 1830.

Children:

- 1 William: b. 17--. He was of age or over in 1789. He had left Camden Co., Ga. and was living in Barbadoes at the time of his father's death.

69 PATRICK (5) NORRIS

(Patrick 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Charleston, South Carolina Aug. 1746. He was a mariner for some years, left the sea and migrated to the Upper Country prior to 1776-7 and located in Fairfield District. Claim has been made by some of his descendants that he was a soldier of the Revolution and that he served under Sumter. There does not appear any record to substantiate this claim.

In 1856 his son, Alexander, submitted a claim for pension on his father's service, and stated that he had often heard his father speak of his service and that he had intended to apply for a pension. (Act of 1818) In this claim Alexander had evidently obtained a copy of record from Columbia of Patrick Norris, of Abbeville Dist., S.C. who had presented his claim and was allowed his pension on said claim in 1839. Alexander's claim was rejected. The attorney who presented it for him later stated it may have been an attempt to wilfully defraud the government but that he did not believe so, etc.

Records of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and the War Department have been carefully scrutinized and this rejected pension claim is the only thing that has been discovered; the service claim in this record belongs to another of the same name and signatures of the men definitely decide which of the

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has been discovered in Maryland. Some of the children are recorded in St. Peter's Parish, Episcopal church. There are some indications that this family removed to Kentucky tho no traces have been found of any of them other than the three children of record. This list of children is no doubt incomplete.

Children: (known)

- 40 i John (4): b 21 Dec. 1701.
41 ii Esther (4): b 24 Mar. 1707.
 iii Ann: b 1710, married 12 Dec. 1737 John Stanbury, Talbot Co., Md.

14 JOHN (3) NORRIS

(Robert 2, Thomas 1.) Born Talbot County, Maryland in 1683. He married prior to 1705 Mary, daughter of William and Eleanor Addison.

They moved to Prince Georges County, Maryland where he was granted 300 acres of land, called " Hopewell ", warrant 24 Jan. 1724, surveyed 1 May 1724, and patented in 1726. (Land records Annapolis) There are no deeds in this county pertaining to John Norris either as grantor or grantee.

He dated his will 24 Jan. 1733, and it was signed with a mark; witnessed by E. ADDISON, John Addison and Nicholas Downing. On 15 Apr. 1738 MRS. ELEANOR ADDISON, of William, testified, and on 16 Apr. 1738 John Addison and Nicholas Downing testified and will was admitted to probate. In this will he devises as follows:

My son, William: a negro girl named Nancy, also a boy named Charles, to be delivered to him on d ath of my wife, Mary; also 125 acres of land part of a tract lying upon Monocacy creek called " Hopewell ", containing 300 acres.

My son, Benjamin: a negro girl named Kate, also 125 acres of land part of above mentioned tract.

My grandson, John Norris, son of John, deceased: a negro girl named Bess, also 50 acres of land above mentioned; son, William to take possession of negro and said 50 acres of land till John be 20 years of age.

My wife, Mary: all personal estate not as yet mentioned. Mary is named as sole executrix. (Wills Lib. 1, fol. 258 Pr. Georges Co.)

Mary survived him a few years and dated her will 31 Aug. 1738. It was witnessed by JOHN ADDISON, and a John Locker, and was probated Apr. 1745. She devises:

To grandson, William, son of Benjamin: a negro boy named Ned.

To grandson, John, son of Benjamin: a negro girl named Jenny and her in-

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Children:

39 1 John (4): b 1689-90.

TANEY EXCURSUS

Early records disclose two brothers of this name in the colony of Maryland sometime prior to 1660, viz.: John and Michael Taney.

I JOHN TANEY: b 16--. His wife's name is not of record and she was deceased prior to 1670. He resided in Calvert County, dated his will 11 Mar. 1670 and it was probated 7 Apr. 1671; to Son, he devises Tawney's Reserve, and to daughter, he devises Homestead Place. Brother Michael Taney and John Hawres are named as executors, and whole estate is left in trust until children become of age. They had:

i John Taney: b 16--. Was living in 1692 and named in will of Michael Taney.

ii Elizabeth Taney: b 166-. Was a minor in 1670, she married prior to 1689 Thomas Norris, No. 12, which see.

II MICHAEL TANEY: b 16--. He married (1) prior to 1650 Mary she died after 1682 and he married (2) Margaret He dated his will 18 May 1692 and it was probated 21 June 1692. This record is herewith recorded as it is evidence concerning the marriage of Thomas Norris.

He devises: Wife, Margaret, plantation in lieu of dower during her life.

Son, Thomas: and his heirs, plantation at death of sd wife, and 100 acres part of a tract taken up by Sinokler.

Son, Michael: and heirs, all land at Battle Creek and also that bought of William Berry.

Son, John: and heirs, land bought of John Seawelle, 150 acres.

To wife and young daughter (born to her) one half of personality.

Four children: i.e., Thomas, Michael, John, and Eliza.

To COUSIN (nephew) THOMAS NORRIS & kinsman John Taney (nephew), & John Hancoe, & Richard Smith, personality

13 JAMES (3) NORRIS

(Robert 2, Thomas 1.) Born Talbot County, Maryland in 1676. He resided in Talbot County for some years, probably as a tenant farmer, as no record has been discovered showing he ever owned any land.

He married prior to 1701 Margaret There is no record of his death, he left no will, nor was his estate administered, at least no record

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253 WILLIAM (6) NORRIS

(William 5, Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Chesterfield District, South Carolina in 1773.

He married prior to 1796 Nancy Barrell, born Ireland 1779 and living in Darlington District, South Carolina. They migrated to Georgia about 1817 and resided a few years in Hancock County, moved to Dallas County, Alabama in the early 1820's, then moved to Benton County, Alabama about 1833 where William died in 1842. Nancy survived him and died 1856-7. Said to have been 11 children.

Children: (known)

- 557 i John Alexander (7): b. 1796 S.C.
- 558 ii Joel (7): b. 1797 S.C.
- iii Benjamin Franklin: b. 1799 S.C., moved to Georgia with parents and married there in 1820 Elizabeth, born South Carolina 1806. Resided Jackson Co., Ga. They had:
 - 1 Malinda: b. 1827.
 - 2 Thomas W.: b. 1829.
 - 3 Matilda: b. 1831.
 - 4 Henry P.: b. 1834.
 - 5 Polly Ann: b. 1837.
 - 6 William J.: b. 1840.
 - 7 John R.: b. 1844.
 - 8 Martha Ann: b. 1847.
- iv Ambrose A.: b. 1801 S.C. Remained in South Carolina when his parents moved to Georgia. He married prior to 1830 Martha b. S.C. 1810. They migrated to Georgia about 1842 and located in Harris County. Both living in 1850. They had:
 - 1 John Gabriel: b. 1830 S.C.
 - 2 Ambrose A.: b. 1832 S.C. Was living in Benton Co., Ala. 1850.
 - 3 Samuel A.: b. 1834.
 - 4 Margaret: b. 1836.
 - 5 Nancy D. L. E.: b. 1843 Ga.
 - 6 Benjamin Franklin: b. 1847.
 - 7 William J. C.: b. Feb. 1850.
- v Barrell: b. 1809 S.C. Moved to Georgia and Alabama with his parents, married about 1830 Willa, born S.C. 1803. Resided Benton Co., Ala. They had:
 - 1 Emily: b. 1832.
 - 2 Mary: b. 1835.
 - 3 Thomas: b. 1837.
 - 4 John Abel: b. 1840.

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PREFACE

In 1930 this manuscript was completed and letters were sent to some 3000 living members asking for subscriptions to help defray the cost of printing, etc. The responses were not sufficient to warrant publication of the work.

Several efforts were made in 1934-1935 to secure a few individuals financially to underwrite the cost, these too were unsuccessful.

It then became our plan to place a copy of this manuscript in the Library of Congress but as it was prepared for the printer it was found almost impossible to make an index. The original of this copy was written during 1940-1941 in form so that index could be made.

This copy has been made under very adverse circumstances owing to war conditions and has been made by several typists, none of whom had previous experience with this class of work, and also a variation of typewriters.

By placing this record with the Library of Congress we feel that our labor has not been in vain as it will be available to those who would be interested in its contents.

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Harry A. Davis

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Continental Troops. On a roll dated 11 Dec. 1782 to 19 Mar. 1783, as Pvt. On 14 May 1783, a prisoner. (Rec. Adj. Gen. Office, Wash. D.C.) He received a Bounty Warrant for land, certificate No. 269. (Rec. Hist. Com. S.C.)

They moved to Elbert County, Georgia about 1790 and after a few years moved to Abbeville District, South Carolina. He was a farmer and a large slave owner. He died 1818-19, Sarah survived him many years, moved to Alabama with her son, John. She was living in 1850, aged 95 years and resided with her grandson, John Norris, in Macon County, Alabama. She died in 1853.

Children: (known)

190 i John (6): b- 1776.
191 ii Esakiel D. (6): b 1780.
192 iii Samuel Allen (6): b. 1787.
193 iv William (6): b 1788.
194 v James (6): b 1792.
195 vi Robert S. (6): b 1794.
196 vii Thomas (6): b 1796.

71 ROBERT (5) NORRIS

(John 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born probably Colleton District, South Carolina in 1760, moved to Georgia and to Abbeville District, South Carolina with his parents in 1760's.

He married prior to 1785 Martha, born South Carolina circa 1763. They migrated to Georgia before 1802 where he died prior to 1820. Martha was a widow and residing with her son, John, in Putnam County, Georgia in 1820. No data on her death.

Children:

197 i Thomas (6): b 1785.
198 ii Isaac (6): b 1791.
199 iii Martha: b 1793.
200 iv John (6): b 1794.
201 v James (6): b 1796.
vi William (6): b 1798.
vii Myra: b 1802 Ga., died unmarried after 1860, Cherokee Co., Ga.
She reared three children of her brother Thomas after his death in 1858-9.

72 JOHN (5) NORRIS

(John 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born South Carolina, probably in Colleton District in 1752, moved to Georgia and Abbeville District, South Carolina with his parents in 1760's.

He married in 1772 Ann, daughter of Simon Gilbert, born Virginia circa 1757. They migrated to Ashe County, North Carolina, then moved to Virginia for

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two had the service, it belongs to Patrick Norris, No. 80.
a 1788-1790. (Office, Math. S.C.)

This claim for pension contains the family history but Alexander states he cannot furnish exact dates of his parents' marriage as the book in which said records had been kept had been destroyed by mice. He did state, however, that Patrick married (1) a Miss Ruist, who had three children and died; and that he married (2) Martha, daughter of John Wilson, that his parents moved to Autauga County, Alabama, and Martha died there 4 Feb. 1835, and Patrick returned to Sumter District, South Carolina. Alexander was administrator for his estate. Fifteen children are named in this record.

Children:

- 182 i George (6): b 11 Apr. 1784.
- 183 ii Catherine (6): b 178-.
- iii Madison: b 23 Sept. 1794. Moved to Orangeburg Dist., S.C. where he died 19 Aug. 1830. Is buried in the family lot near Parlers, S.C.
- 184 iv John (6): b 1795-6. 2d wife.
v James Junius: b 1797, married Elizabeth, b S.C. 1809. Resided in Autauga Co., Ala. in 1860. This portion of Autauga became Elmore County in 1866. Both living in 1870. They had:
1 Mary: b 1840 Ala. married 1858 Thomas Parish, he died 1864-5. she was residing Elmore Co. in 1870. They had:
a Thomas Parish: b 1860.
b George Parish: b 1862.
c Sidney Parish: b 1864.
2 William J.: b 1846 Ala., married Susan, b Ala. 1845. Resided Elmore Co. in 1870. They had:
a Mary: b 1866.
b James: b 1868.
- 185 vi Patrick (6): b 1799.
- vii Abraham: b 1801. Is stated to have moved to York or Chester Dist., S.C. No trace of him has ever been discovered.
- 186 viii Alexander (6): b 1803.
- 187 ix Wilson (6): b 1805.
- 188 x Thomas (6): b 1808.
- 189 xi Hiram (6): b 1810.
- xii Daniel: b 18--., died young.
- xiii Naomi: b 1813, married a Mr. Mitchell, residence not stated, she was living in 1855.

70 DANIEL (5) NORRIS

(John 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Charleston, South Carolina in 1748. He married prior to 1776 Sarah she was born Elbert County, Georgia in 1755.

He served in the Revolution. Records show he enlisted 6 Jan. 1776 1st Co.

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bated 6 May 1833, he names all his living children, i.e., William, Abner, Thomas, and James; grandson Thomas; son of William; daughters, Elizabeth Matthews, Margaret, wife of Henry Matthews, and Martha Davis, son-in-law Moses Davis. Executors, sons, Abner, James and Thomas; witnessed by Solomon Newsom, Thomas Monroe and J.S.N. Wilson. (Wills, Warren Co., Ga.)

Children: (known)

- 206 i James (6): b 1781 N.C.
- 207 ii Abner (6): b 1783 N.C.
- iii Margaret: b 1788 N.C., married Henry Matthews, she was living in 1832, but is not listed in Warren Co., Ga. in census of 1850.
- 208 iv Elizabeth (6): b 1790 N.C.
- 209 v William (6): b 1793 Ga.
- 210 vi Thomas (6): b 1795 Ga.
- vii Martha: b 1797 Ga. She was called "Peggy", she married 28 May 1815 Moses Davis, Warren Co., Ga. She died 1840. He was living in 1850. There were four sons and three daughters living in 1830 of whom no record.

74 DAVID (5) NORRIS

(John 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Elbert County, Georgia Dec. 1761. He was reared in Abbeville District, South Carolina. He married (1) in 1785 Mary Barker, born South Carolina 1769. They migrated to Cabell County, Virginia where Mary died in 1796.

He married (2) Martha, born South Carolina in 1779. In 1807 they moved to Pike County, Kentucky and resided there some years, they moved to Platte County, Missouri in the 1830's where Martha died in 1842. David lived to be one hundred years old and died at the home of his son, John D. Norris, in Buchanan County, Missouri in 1861. He is listed in census of 1860 with the occupation of "Gentleman."

Children:

- 211 i John Barker (6): b 1787.
- ii Mary: b 1789.
- iii Benjamin: b 1791.
- 212 iv Samuel William (6): b 1794.
- v Sarah J.: b 1796.
- vi Martha: b 1800, 2d wife.
- 213 vii William J. (6): b 1803.
- viii George: b 1804.
- 214 ix John David (6): b 1806.
- x Moses: b 1808 Pike Co., Ky. moved to Mo. with his parents in the late 1830's. He married (1) Mary, b N.C. 1806. He became a very prosperous farmer. Mary died about 1860-1 and he married (2) 16 Jan. 1863 Julia Kitchen. Resided Platte Co., Mo. Both living in 1870. No children of record by either wife.

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- xi James B.: b 1810 Pike Co., Ky. He married prior to 1834 Ann S.; born Ky. 1811. They migrated to Buchanan Co., Mo. in 1855. They had: ANN: 1st wife.
1 James Orlando: b 1834 Ky. 1855. He was a ...
2 Armistead: b 1836. ...
3 William Allens: b 1842. ...
4 Margaret: b 1844.
5 Francis Marion: b 1846.
6 John: b 1849 Mo.
7 Thomas: b 1852 Mo.

75 THOMAS (5) NORRIS

(John 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Abbeville District, South Carolina in 1763.

He served in the Revolution and was paid 21 Apr. 1785, 24-14-3 pounds for duty in the Militia since the reduction of Charleston. (Stub. Entries to Indents, Lib. P, No. 329). He married prior to 1798 Mary, born Ireland, 1780. They migrated to Georgia about 1828 where he died 1832-3. Mary survived him and was living in 1850 and resided with her daughter, Mary Ann, in Cobb County, Georgia. Three children died young.

Children: (known)

- i Nancy: b 1798, married Anderson Cook; b S.C. 1809. They moved to Georgia where Nancy died 1838 leaving a daughter, Mary Cook, b 1828. He married (2) Mary Ann, sister of Nancy. Resided Cobb Co., Ga. They had:
1 Sophronia Cook: b 1842.
2 Mary Ann Cook: b 1847.
215 ii John (6): b 1800.
216 iii Arthur Thomas (6): b 1802.
iv Mary Ann: b 1812, married Anderson Cook, his 2d wife, and her brother-in-law. See above.

76 WILLIAM (5) NORRIS

(John 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Abbeville District, South Carolina in 1768. He married (1) prior to 1787 Mary, They migrated to Tennessee and settled in what later became Sumner County. Mary died about 1810 -12 and he married (2) a about 1819 Hannah Middleton, born Tennessee 1795. They moved to Alabama and lived there to 1836 when they moved to Ray County, Missouri where Hannah died prior to 1850. He was a chairmaker and also did some farming on a small scale. He was living in 1850.

Children:

- 217 i Nicholas (6): b 1787 Tenn.

- 77 GEORGE (S) NORRIS

Children:

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- 35 v Benjamin (4): b 20 Aug. 1698, bp 18 Aug. 1700. A twin.
36 vi Edward (4): b 4 Feb. 1701, bp 24 May 1702.
37 vii Joseph (4): b 20 Feb. 1705-6.
38 viii Thomas (4): b 26 Dec. 1716. (2d wife)
ix Mary: b 16 Feb. 1718-19. She married 6 Aug. 1736 in Anne Arundell Co., John Metcalf of Baltimore Co., they settled upon the land called "Spring Garden" in Baltimore county and willed to her by her father in 1737. John Metcalf deeded to Thomas Norris, No. 38, 12 Dec. 1745 "Murray's Meadow" for 250 pounds current money. On 27 Nov. 1753 he conveyed land to John Norris of Anne Arundell Co., No. 97, and to John Davis of Frederick Co. He evidently removed from this county as on 20 May 1756 he deeded to Thomas and John Norris, No. 96 and No. 97, for 146 pounds, and 87 pounds 9 shillings, and 1500 pounds of tobacco, cattle, household goods, etc. plantation, tools, etc. The only child recorded in any of the Parish records is:
1 Mary Metcalf: b 6 July 1736.

PARSONS EXCURSUS

THOMAS PARSONS was in all probability born in England. Records show he was transported into the Province of Maryland in 1649. (Lib. 5, fol. 87, Land Office, Annapolis)

He married about 1658-9 Isabell, daughter of He had a grant of land, 100 acres, on West River in 1663. He witnessed the will of Francis Trotter 7 Jan. 1667; of John Meers 17 Apr. 1675, and of Thomas Daborne 23 Oct. 1680, all of Anne Arundell county, Maryland.

He made his will 10 Oct. 1683 and it was probated 31 May 1684, mentions six daughters and NO SON, wife not mentioned, executors named were Anthony Holland and Benjamin Capell.

Isabell Parsons, the widow, married (2) prior to 1692 said Benjamin Capell. (deed Lib. CW1, fol. 47, A.A. Co.) she witnessed a will 9 May 1692 as Isabell Capell. Benjamin Capell made his will 9 May 1711 and it was probated 20 Aug. 1711. Isabell Capell made her will 10 Sept. 1717 and it was probated 22 Dec. 1717. There were no children by second marriage. These wills taken from originals in Annapolis. abstracts can be seen in Md. Cal. Mills.

Children:

- 1 Isabell Parsons: b 1661. She married 1679-80 Anthony Holland. She died after June 1697 and before Aug. 1703. Anthony Holland's will was probated 2 Aug. 1703 and Isabell is mentioned as "deceased." They had:
1 John Holland: b 1681.
2 Benjamin Holland: b 1683.
3 Eliza Holland: b 1684, married Richard Gott.

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- 4 Anthony Holland: b 1685.
- 5 Thomas Holland: b 20 Jan. 1687.
- 6 Richard Holland: b 11 Mar. 1688.
- 7 Jacob Holland: b 2 May 1689.
- 8 Capele Holland: b 10 June 1691.
- 9 Susannah Holland: b 24 Apr. 1693.
- 10 Abraham Holland: b 13 June 1697.
- ii Mary Parsons: b 1663. She married about 1682-3 Benjamin Price, son of Mordacai. He died after 1702. Will of Mary Price, widow, was made 8 May 1718 and was probated 8 June 1718. They had:
 - 1 John Price: b 1684-5.
 - 2 Thomas Price: b 1686.
 - 3 Eliza Price: b 1687, married Thomas Carr, had a daughter, Mary Carr.
 - 4 Benjamin Price: b 1689.
 - 5 Rachel Price: b 1691.
 - 6 Hannah Price: b 1693.
 - 7 Stephen Price: b 1695.
 - 8 Mordacai Price: b 1697.
 - 9 Leah Price: b 1699, married Forde.
 - 10 Mary Price: b 1700.
 - 11 Sarah Price: b 1702.
- iii Susannah Parsons: b 1664, married Tucker.
- iv ELIZABETH PARSONS: b 1666-67, married John Norris, No. 11. which see.
- v Sarah Parsons: b 1668, married Carter.
- vi Hannah Parsons: b 1670-1.

12 THOMAS (3) NORRIS

(Edward 2, Thomas 1.) Born Anne Arundell County, Maryland in 1668. He was a mariner for some years. He married prior to 1689 Elizabeth, daughter of John Taney, of Calvert County, Maryland, born 166-.

They moved to Baltimore County sometime prior to 1695 where he had a grant of land in 1696, " Thomas Norris of Baltimore County " Envell Chese". patent has due 230 acres by a warrant granted 10 May 1696 and also by assignment of 30 acres from Thomas Hooker out of a warrant for 38 acres granted to sd Hooker 19 Feb. 1695, granted to Thomas Norris, tract called " Envell Chese" according to Survey dated 20 May 1696."

Elizabeth died 10 Dec. 1710, according to St. George's Parish records. Thomas survived her and died some years later intestate. No record of any administration of his estate has been discovered and only child of record is found in a deed dated 4 June 1746 from John Norris to William Bennet, " 17 May 1746 land, 230 acres, laid out for Thomas Norris of Baltimore County sd Thomas Norris died leaving only son and heir, John Norris, etc. "

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In Minutes of a Court May 1685: One Thomas Shilling, servant to MRS Martha Norris, did appear in this Court and acknowledge he was freely willing to serve sd mistress for six years; which is recorded.

On 5 Feb. 1689 Martha Norris deeded to Edward Herbert and Thomas Pursell, 150 acres of land in Lancaster County for 12,000 pounds of tobacco. (Deeds Lib. 7, fol. 24) On 13 Nov. 1695 Martha deeded to Robert Carter a small parcel of land in Lancaster Co. (Deeds Lib. 7, fol. 106)

Martha died shortly after the birth of her daughter, Martha, and William married (2) the widow of Edward Brown. Her name, given or maiden, is not disclosed in the records.

William died about March 1715. On 14 March 1715 William Norris (son) appeared before the Court and made oath that " William Norris, his father, deesd.. departed this life without making any will soe farr as he knows " and asked letters of administration; Jno. Stonam, Henry Stonam, Thos. Chatten and J. David were appointed to inventory and appraise said effects; sd William Norris in a rule of this Court was sworn and cautioned " not to meddle with any estate of Edward Brown, deesd., his father dyed possessed of, the late wife of ye sd Brown, since widdow of sd Norris, " permission for administration hereon. (Ct. rec. Lib. 6, fol. 124) On 11 Apr. 1716 Minutes of the Court exhibit inventory of sd William Norris, deesd. (Lib. 6, fol. 134)

His widow does not appear in any subsequent record. No mention of Edward Brown in wills or administrations in Lancaster Co. There is no record of any children by the second marriage.

Children:

- 32 1 John (4): b 1684.
- 33 11 William (4): b 1687.
- 111 Ruth: b 1689. She married (1) a Mr. Ross; he died and she married (2) Francis Wallace. She was living in 1712 and two children are named deed of trust to John Norris by Wallace 9 Mar. 1712. Wallace was evidently deceased late in 1718 as John Norris was appointed guardian in Jan. 1719. They had:
 - 1 Reuben Ross.
 - 2 William Wallace.
- iv Martha: b 1696-97. She married a Mr. Downs and moved to Nansemond County, Virginia.

11 JOHN (3) NORRIS

(Edward 2, Thomas 1.) Born in Anne Arundell County, Maryland in 1663. He married (1) prior to Aug. 1685 Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Isabell

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Parsons, born Maryland 1666-67. He was deeded land as early as 1688 on Herring Creek. On 10 Aug. 1691 he was also deeded land on Herring Creek by Benjamin Hooker called "Hooker's Addition," for 5500 pounds of tobacco. On 24 June 1726-27 he patented 32 acres of land on Herring Creek swamp called "Norris Addition," and left it to his grandson, Thomas Norris (of John) by will.

He made extensive purchases of land in Baltimore County. On 6 Nov. 1716 he was deeded land called "Prospect," 243 acres by Peter Bond & William Hamilton, for 30 pounds sterling. On 4 Mar. 1718 he was deeded by Thomas Preston "Everly Hills," 365 acres in Baltimore County above head of Bush River. On 20 Sept. 1726 he was deeded by William Parish and wife, Susan, "Spring Garden," 150 acres lying in Patapsco in Baltimore County, for 30 pounds. On 9 Nov. 1724 he conveyed a part of "Prospect" to son Edward, and on same date a part of "Everly Hills" to son, Benjamin, in each case "for natural love & Affection which I have & doe bear for my son"

Elizabeth died Nov. 1714. On 3 Apr. 1715 the petition of John Norris of Anne Arundell County setting forth that he is fined five hundred pounds of tobacco for not attending as a juror at a court held in November last for the said county during the sitting of which said court the petitioners wife lay very sick and died, that he did not neglect his duty out of any contempt but was purely induced by his affection to and care of his wife The truth of the said petition being certified by two of the Commissioners of the aforesaid County Court is thought reasonable and granted, wherefore ordered that the said fine be remitted and not levied. (Md. Arch.

He married (2) 3 Apr. 1716 Mary Newman. He dated his will 1 Nov. 1737 and died about Nov. 1740 and this will was admitted to probate 6 Dec. 1740. He devises "Norris Addition" in the Swamp of Herring Creek to grandson, Thomas Norris. (Subsequent records disclose definitely that this is a son of JOHN MORRIS of Anne Arundell Co.) Leaves all other lands in Anne Arundell Co. to son John, and HIS son, John. To daughter, Mary Metcalf, is devised "Spring Garden" in Baltimore Co. To son, Thomas, remainder of "Everly Hills" Baltimore Co., except that part deeded to son, Benjamin. To son, Joseph, remainder of "Prospect" except that part deeded to son, Edward. Wife, Mary, interest in his lands during her life or widowhood, she to be sole executor. This will was executed by Thomas Norris, his son who personally appeared before the Court on 6 Dec. 1740, etc.

WILL

I, John Norris of Ann Arundell County, alltho but sickly and weak in Body yet in my perfect mind and mamory and Sound as att other times in my Judgement but Calling to mind the uncertainty of time in this World do make Constitute and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament. Revoaking and making Void former Wills and Testaments whatsoever and this only to Stand and abide Good in Law being in manner and form as followeth -

Item - I give unto my Grandson Thomas Norris a parcel of Land in the Swamp, Called Norrisses Addition, Adjoyning to my Other Lands and after my

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wife's Decease to him, his Heirs forever all my other Lands in sd. Swamp. I give after my Wife's Death or Marriage to Son Joseph Norris & His Son John Norris to be Equally Divided between Them and Their Heirs Forever. I give to my Son Thomas Norris all the Remaining part of a Tract of Land in Baltimore County Called Everly Hills all that part of the Said tract that is not made Over to my Son Benjamin to him and his Heirs forEver. I also give to my Daughter Mary Metcalf a parcel of Land in Baltimore County one hundred and fifty acres & Called Spring Garden to her and her heirs forEver. I give to my Son Joseph all the Remainder of a Tract of Land in Baltimore County Called Prospect, all sd. Remainder of the aforesaid tract that is not made over to my Son Edward to him & his Heirs forEver - as to my Personal Estate I give to my Son Thomas Norris one Negro boy named Abraham; one feather Bed & furniture - 2 Cows and Calves - 2 Sows and Piggs - I also give to my Daughter Mary Metcalf- 1 negro boy called Daniel - 2 Cows and Calves - & 2 Sows and Piggs - Lastly I give unto my Dear & Loving Wife Mary Norris during her natural Life or Widowhood the full Injoyment and Right of all my Lands in the Swamp as also the use and profits of all my Personal Estate during her Life or Widowhood - Excepting these Legacies before mentioned - Lastly - after my Wife's Death or Marriage my whole Estate both Real & Personal - sd Real to be aforesaid and the Personal to Equally Divided among my Children - to say - John, Benjamin, Edward, Joseph, Thomas, Susannah, and Mary. I do likewise ordain my Dear and Loving Wife Mary Norris to be in full sd. Executor and Administrator of this my Last Will and Testament - in Witness whereof I do hereunto Sott my hand and affix my Seal this first day of November An. Do 1731.

In presence of
William Foard
Jacob Holland
Tho^s Esdell
Ambros Mespyr

John Norris
his
mark

On the back of foregoing will is:

Dec. 5. 1740. Then came William Foard, Thomas Esdell and William (sic) Mespyr, three of subscribing witnesses - Whose oath was taken in the presence of Thomas Norris, heir at Law to the Deceased & who did not object to the brobate of Said Will. (Wills Land Commissioners Of. Annapolis)

Children:

- 1 Elizabeth: b 6 May 1686, bp 18 Aug. 1700. Her brief history is closed by the following entry in St. James's Parish records:
" Elizabeth Norris married Xber 1, 1704 Buried Xber 3, 1704."
- 11 Susannah: b 2 Feb. 1639, bp 18 Aug. 1700, married 1 Nov. 1721 Richard Atherton.
- 34 111 John (4): b 28 Feb. 1691, bp 18 Apr. 1700.
- 1v Hannah: b 20 Aug. 1698, bp 18 Aug. 1700, married 1716 William Jones.

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1 THOMAS (2) NORRIS

(Thomas L.) Born St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1638. He was a mariner and was in Lancaster County, Virginia in 1659. In Order Book No. 3, fol. 98 there is an entry showing that a certificate was issued to one John Edwards for transporting into the colony in Lancaster Co. five persons, Eleanor Burton, Thos. Norriss, Margaret Lowys, and two others whose names were where what is now a worm eaten hole.

This John Edwards also appears in several records in Maryland as " transporting " persons into the colony and it appears that he did not take up land on the certificates issued but disposed of them. Thomas did not long remain in Lancaster but moved to Northumberland Co. where he married about 1661 Martha, daughter of William Ironmonger and an only child, they resided in said county to 1667 when Martha died. Thomas left his children with the grandparents and returned to Maryland and resided with his parents in Talbot Co.

He married (2) prior to 1671 Elizabeth Hosier, of Kent County, Maryland and they moved to Charleston, South Carolina prior to Aug. 1671 where Thomas had a certificate for land. Patent for this land is not extant, however, the following records show he had this land laid out; on 7 Dec. 1672 a grant of land was made to one Richard Deyos, for 300 acres of land contained in between " the land laid out for Thos. Norris to the South and Anthony Churn to the North. " (Land Warrants 1672-79) On 30 May 1674 a warrant was issued to Ralph Marshall for 148 acres of land on East side of Ashley River bounded on the South by land of Samuel West and on the North by land laid out to Thos. Norris (ibid) On 11 Feb. 1698 there was a grant of 200 acres of land to John Pendardis which embraced part of a grant to Stephen Bull and part of the land originally laid out for Thomas Norris. (Charleston records).

There does not appear any evidence that Thomas ever lived on this land tho he and his wife remained in Charleston to March 1674 when they returned to Maryland and Thomas is again recorded as " transported," but does not make any claim for land, etc.

He abandoned the sea about this time and became a bricklayer. In Dec. 1674 Thomas made a trip to Lancaster Co., Virginia to bring his daughter to his home and is again recorded as transported.

In 1675 they moved to Kent County, Maryland where Thomas completed a land deal which was commenced by his father who died while the negotiations were being made, this concluding sale was of date Nov. 1675.

Thomas had two grants of land in Kent County, Maryland in 1677 " Frickle Pear " and " Presbury." (Lib. 19, fol. 405) In 1681 he had another grant called " Norris his Forrest." (Lib. 21, fol. 233) " Norris Forrest appears to have been disposed of to Daniel Norris, his brother, as sd Daniel devised this land to his son, Daniel, who in turn devised it to his brother-in-law, John Ball,

In the spring of 1683 Thomas made a visit to Lancaster Co., Virginia to

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8 JOHN (3) NORRIS

(Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Charleston, South Carolina in 1672. Moved to Maryland with his parents in 1674. He went to sea when about 17 years of age and was a mariner for some years sailing out of Baltimore.

He married about 1705 Mary Winifred, daughter of Henry Patrick, born Maryland 1689. They migrated to Charleston, South Carolina where he had a grant of land 11 Nov. 1707, for 300 acres in Colleton District. There is no record of disposition of this land in Charleston, and Colleton records are not extant.

They were living in St. Philip's Parish in 1748-49 where John died in the early 1750's. Mary Winifred, called " Winnie," moved to Abbeville District, South Carolina near her son, Robert Norris, and is recorded in the family records as among those who were massacred by the Indians at Long Cane in Feb. 1760.

Children: (known)

- 22 i Patrick (4): b June 1707 Kent Co., Md.
- 23 ii John (4): b 1710.
- iii Cuthbert: b 1713, probably died small.
- iv Mary: b 1716, married 4 Oct. 1749, St. Philip's Parish, S.C. to Joseph Jones.
- 24 v Henry (4): b circa 1719.
- 25 vi Robert (4): b 1722.

9 JOSEPH (3) NORRIS

(Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Kent County, Maryland July 1683, posthumous. He followed his brother, John, and was a mariner sailing out of Baltimore and later out of Charleston, South Carolina.

He married prior to 1710 Ann, born 1693, not known if South Carolina or Maryland. They settled in Baltimore, Maryland where Ann died in 1741. Traditional records from three branches of his children, entirely unknown to each other at present, state Joseph was lost at sea about 1758-59. We have not discovered record indicating he ever owned any land. Said to have been 13 children.

Children: (known)

- 26 i Joseph (4): b 10 Jan. 1710.
- ii Elizabeth: b 1716.
- iii Mary: b 171-.
- iv Ann: b 172-, married 7 May 1745 Benjamin Torrey, Baltimore, Md.
- 27 → v Robert (4): b Oct. 1723.
- 28 vi William (4): b 1725.
- 29 vii Edward (4): b Feb. 1727.
- 30 viii John (4): b 1729.

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- 31 ix Thomas (4): b 1732.
x James: b 1737. He administered the estate of his brother, John, in 1787 in Baltimore Co., Md.
He married 24 Oct. 1802 Ann Collier; she died and was buried 11 Nov. 1808, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore. James had a certificate for land called "Norris Inheritance" in 1810 and the patent for this land was made out and delivered to "Children and heirs of John Norris, decd." (Lib. IUK fol 443) James died and was buried 28 Nov. 1824. No children of record.

10 WILLIAM (3) NORRIS

(Edward 2, Thomas 1.) Born Anne Arundell County, Maryland in 1661. He migrated to Lancaster County, Virginia where his cousin, Martha Norris was residing in the early 1680's and there married prior to 1684 Martha, daughter of Thomas Husband, born circa 1659 in Virginia.

There appears to be considerable misinformation concerning MARTHA NORRIS of Lancaster County, Virginia owing to the fact, not generally known, that there were two of this name contemporary. One branch of the family who made some searches selected ONE deed (Lib. 7, fol. 37) and assumed that Martha of this deed was widow of Thomas Norris mentioned in the deed, and that they were the progenitors of the Norris family of Lancaster County.

Another source of misinformation came from a party not connected with nor interested in the Norris family but who made searches of the records and stated that "Martha was a daughter of George Wale" quoting Order Book 1685. We carefully examined this book of some 250 pages and NO INDEX and failed to find anything to substantiate the statement. We later interviewed the party who made the written statement, he resides in Lancaster, Va., he did not recall making the statement and did not have any copies of anything he may have written. He did, however, search this book in our presence and failed to find anything to verify what he had written.

There was found in May term of Court 1685, page 202, "Order to William MORRIS who married one of the daughters of Mr. George Wale (decd.)" This is no doubt what he based his statement upon.

William Norris was a blacksmith and settled in Lancaster after his marriage. Martha appears to have inherited land from her father. There does not appear any record of William Norris purchasing or disposing of any real estate.

In Minutes of a Court 12 Nov. 1694: this Court orders paid to Martha Norris for attending a Court at James City as a witness for the State vs Edward Husband late of this county, for eight days with two days going and two days returning, a total of twelve days, same to be against the estate of Thomas Husband, etc. It further appears that sd Martha Norris paid expenses of an additional witness and it is ordered to be reimbursed this amount, etc.

Children: (known)

- 27 ROBERT (4) NORRIS

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William served in the Revolution as a Private in Capt. Samuel Wise's Company, in service Sept. 1775. (Rec. Hist. Com. S.C.)

They migrated to Georgia about 1802 and were both deceased before 1820.

Children: (known)

- 252 i Joel (6): b 1771.
- 253 ii William (6): b 1773.
- 254 iii Thomas Biggers (6): b 1775.
- 255 iv James (6): b 1776.
- v Olivia: b 1778. Moved to Georgia and later lived with her brother, John, in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. She was living in 1850. Never married.
- 256 vi George (6): b 1779.
- 257 vii John (6): b 1781.
- 258 viii Joseph Notley (6): b 1784.

85 THOMAS (5) NORRIS

(Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Cheraw District, South Carolina in 1757. He married there prior to 1789 Nancy born South Carolina in 1772-3. *was Nancy also a Notley?*

They resided in Chesterfield and Horry Districts, South Carolina. Thomas died in 1842 and Nancy moved to Alabama to her sons, John and Thomas, and moved to Texas with her son, Thomas, where she died in 1849.

Children: (known)

- 259 i John (6): b 1788.
- 260 ii Notley (6): b 1792.
- iii Nancy. b 1800. Was living with her brother, Notley, in 1850, Santa Rosa Co., Fla. She died in Ala. before 1860. Never married.
- 261 iv Thomas M. (6): b 1803.
- 262 v William (6): b 1805.
- 263 vi Joseph Lincoln (6): b 1807.

86 JOEL JOSEPH (5) NORRIS

(Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Cheraw District, South Carolina in 1760. He married prior to 1786 Sarah born Virginia 1770.

They moved to Robeson County, North Carolina and resided there till 1816 when they moved to Tennessee where Joel J. died in the 1830's. Sarah was living in 1860 and resided with her daughter, Dasha, in White County, Tennessee.

Children: (known)

- 264 i John (6): b 1786 S.C.
- 265 ii William (6): b 1788 N.C.

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- 241 iv John (6): b 5 Aug. 1787. ¹ Elizabeth: b 9 Nov. 1789, married 4 Aug. 1810 Isaac Davis. She died 20 May 1814, left a daughter.
1 Ann Davis: b 181-.
- 242 vi Eli (6): b 29 Feb. 1792. (over)
- 243 vii Hannah (6): b 28 Mar. 1794.
viii Lydia: b 21 Sept. 1796, married 26 June 1817 Jacob Crist, had a son named William, probably other children.
- 244 ix Susanna (6): b 11 Apr. 1799.

83 JOHN (5) NORRIS

(Joseph 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Frederick County, Maryland 18 Mar. 1764. He married (1) Frederick County, Md., 18 Mar. 1795 Elizabeth Rigdon, born Maryland 177-.

They moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania for a few years then moved to Washington County, Maryland in Upper Antietam Hundred where they resided for some years moving to Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania about 1805 where Elizabeth died in 1808. He married (2) prior to 1811 Nancy Ann Walker, of Pennsylvania. He died in the late 1830's. Resided in Hopewell township where Nancy died 9 June 1845.

Children:

- 245 i Jacob (6): b 1796.
ii Amelia: b 1798 Washington Co., Md. married John Welk, died after 1850. No children.
- 246 iii John (6): b Nov. 1799.
iv Julia: b 1801, married Louis Snyder, of Huntingdon Co., Pa. She was a widow in 1850. They had, known:
1 Louis Snyder, Jr.: b 1832 Pa.
v Elizabeth Rigdon: b 1804 Washington Co., Md., married 9 Mar. 1819 John Faubel of Frederick Co., Md. They moved to Washington Co., Md. where they purchased a lot in Boonsboro from Jacob Norris, her brother, on 18 June 1821. (Deeds Lib. LL, fol. 273) No record of any children.
- 247 vi Joseph (6): b 1806.
248 vii David (6): b 1812, 2d wife.
249 viii James S. (6): b 4 Mar. 1813.
250 ix Thomas (6): b 1814-15.
251 x Eleanor (6): b 31 Jan. 1817.

84 WILLIAM (5) NORRIS

(Robert 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Cheraw District, South Carolina in Dec. 1745. He married prior to 1771. No record discovered as to who she was; a traditional record claims she was a daughter of Joel Kötley and Martha Biggers, and from some of the names of his children it appears possible that this is correct.

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- a Samuel Chinoweth: b 1838 Iowa.
- b William Chinoweth: b 1842.
- c Mary Chinoweth: b 1843.
- d John Thomas Chinoweth: b 1846.
- e Andrew J. Chinoweth: b 1847.
- f Elizabeth Chinoweth: b 1854.
- g Lesiana Chinoweth: b 1855.
- h Charlotte Chinoweth: b 1858.
- 3 George Chinoweth: b 1816 Tenn. married prior to 1836 Nancy, daughter of Eli and Lucy Norman, b Tenn. 1817. Resided Anderson Co., Tenn. They had:
 - a Jemima E. Chinoweth: b 1836.
 - b Samuel Norris Chinoweth: b 1838.
 - c Mary E. Chinoweth: b 1840.
 - d Malinda Chinoweth: b 1842.
 - e Elizabeth Chinoweth: b 1847.
 - f Henrietta Chinoweth: b Apr. 1850.
- 11 Joseph Chinoweth: b 1797 Tenn. He was a physician, married prior to 1823 Lydia b Tenn. 1801. They migrated to Madison Co., Ark. about 1842. They had:
 - 1 Thomas Nicholas Chinoweth: b 1823.
 - 2 Edward P. Chinoweth: b 1824 Tenn., married 1847-8 Agnes, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Pickett, b Tenn. 1830. Resided Madison Co., Mo. They had:
 - a Lydia Chinoweth: b 1849.
 - 3 William Chinoweth: b 1828.
 - 4 Osmyn Chinoweth: b 1831.
 - 5 Margaret Chinoweth: b 1833.
 - 6 Ruth Chinoweth: b 1835.
 - 7 Joseph Chinoweth: b 1838.
 - 8 John Chinoweth: b 1843.
- 111 Henry Chinoweth: b 1805 Tenn., married prior to 1831 Indiana b Tenn. 1810. Resided Madison Co., Ark. They had:
 - 1 Louisiana Chinoweth: b 1831 Tenn.
 - 2 Reena Chinoweth: b 1832.
 - 3 John Chinoweth: b 1834.
 - 4 Sarah Chinoweth: b 1835.
 - 5 Lydia Chinoweth: b 1837.
 - 6 Arena Chinoweth: b 1840.
 - 7 Indiana Chinoweth: b 1842.
 - 8 Melissa Chinoweth: b 1848 Ark.

90 WILLIAM (5) NORRIS

(Thomas 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland in 1767. Moved to North Carolina with his parents in 1770 and returned to Baltimore with them about 1785. He became a mariner and married in St. Mary's County, Maryland 27 Feb. 1795 Mary Drury, born Maryland in 177-. They resided

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in Baltimore to about 1829 when they migrated to Kentucky where William died in 1834-5. Mary moved to Arkansas to her son, John W., and died about 1847.

Children: (known)

- i Mary: b 1798.
- 272 ii William (6): b 1802.
- iii Charles: b 1803 Md. Moved to Ky. with his parents, migrated to Indiana and married there prior to 1831 Maria, b Ohio in 1809. Resided Clarke Co. in 1850. They had:
 - 1 Sarah: b 1831.
 - 2 George W.: b 1835.
 - 3 James T.: b 1838.
 - 4 Ann E.: b 1840.
 - 5 Cynthia M.: b 1842.
 - 6 Emily J.: b 1844.
 - 7 Maria T.: b 1847.
 - 8 Isabel: b Mar. 1850.
- 273 iv John W. (6): b 1805.
- v Sarah J.: b 1809.
- 274 vi David J. (6): b Oct. 1810.

91 THOMAS (5) NORRIS

(Thomas 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland in 1768. Moved to North Carolina with his parents and returned to Baltimore County with them about 1785. Moved to East Tennessee with them about 1793 and married there prior to 1797 Elizabeth Green, born North Carolina in 1772.

They migrated to Missouri about 1814 and in 1820 moved to Arkansas where Elizabeth died in the 1840's. Thomas was a farmer and was living in 1850 Ouachita County, Arkansas.

Children:

- 275 i Alexander (6): b 1797 Tenn.
- 276 ii William (6): b 1799 Tenn.
- iii Thomas Green: b 1803, died childhood.
- iv Elizabeth: b 1810, died unmarried in Ark. after 1850.
- 277 v Daniel Potter (6): b 1813 Tenn.
- vi Nancy: b 1815 Mo., died unmarried in Ark. after 1850.
- vii Asanah: b 1820 Ark. Living in 1850.

92 JOHN (5) NORRIS

(John 4, William 3, Edward 2, Thomas 1.) Born Lancaster County, Virginia in 1709-10. Married 4 Feb. 1737/38 Jane Camelo, born Lancaster County circa 1716. License spells the name as above. She was a daughter of John and Jean Cammell. This name appears in records in this and other counties with this spelling as late as 1785-87.

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- 1 George B. Nelson: b 1858 Mo.
- 2 John Gilbert Nelson: b 1860.
- 3 Mary C. Nelson: b 1862.
- 4 Sarah Elizabeth Nelson: b 1864.

vi Riley Wisner: b 1841. He enlisted 9 Aug. 1862 Pvt. Co. D, 32d Mo. Inf., U.S. at Salem, Mo. In Jan. 1863 he is charged with desertion; present, sick, Feb. 1863; Apr. 1863 sick at St. Louis, Mo.

Charge of desertion appears not to have been carried to trial, tho a letter of Provost Marshall with list of prisoners turned over to this company contains his name. He enlisted under the name of "Wisner Norris."

He was transferred to Co. F, consolidated 31 and 32 Regts. in 1865 and subsequently discharged. He married in 1865 Columbia, daughter of John and Susan Norris, No. 444, of Crawford Co., Mo. born 1845.

He is listed as a farmer and both were living in 1870 Dent Co., Mo. They had:

- 1 Mary M.: b 1866-7.
- 2 Ann Elizabeth: b Oct. 1869.

vii Hardin: b 1843 Mo. He enlisted as Pvt. in 32nd Mo. Inf., U.S. 28 Aug. 1862 and died at Rolla, Mo. 10 Oct. 1862 of Typhoid Fever.

268 EDWARD (6) NORRIS

(George C. 5, Edward 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Harford County, Maryland 15 Sept. 1791.

He served as Private Capt. John Turner's Company, 40th Maryland Regt. in War of 1812, enlisted 17 Aug. 1814 served 14 days; and from 28th Aug. to 26th Sept. 1814 (Rec. Adj. Gen. Office, Wash. D.C.)

He married 16 Dec. 1823 Elizabeth Seitz, born York County, Pennsylvania in 1804. Marriage license reads "Elizabeth SEITZ." Resided in Harford County where he engaged in farming.

On 24 May 1851 he had a Bounty Grant of land for 1812 service, and on 10 Mar. 1855 he had a warrant for 120 acres of land under Act. of 1855, 1812 service.

He dated his will 28 Apr. 1869 and died at his home 17 June 1875, his will was probated 29 June 1875 by his son, George W. Norris; provides that if any child should make any claim against the estate they forfeit all rights thereto.

On 9 May 1878 Elizabeth applied for a pension on the service of Edward in War of 1812. In her application she

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Martha died 1809 and he married (2) Sarah They moved to Georgia and settled in Baldwin County where they lived till about 1836-7 then moved to Macon County, Georgia where both were living in 1840 over 90 years of age. They probably died in Macon Co. They are not listed in the census of 1850. No children by 2d marriage. (Data from Census of 1840, 1850)

Children: (known)

- 229 i Robert (6): b Jan. 1773.
- 230 ii John (6): b 1776.
- iii Marthas: b 1783. She was called "Peggy", she married circa 1810 Surry Davis, his 2d wife. His first wife was a Miss Hughes, daughter of Charles Hughes. No children of record.
- 231 iv Edward (6): b 1788.
- 232 v Andrew Middleton (6): b 1790.

80 PATRICK (5) NORRIS

(Robert 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Abbeville District, South Carolina 18 Jan. 1783. Records show he enlisted in Captain Patrick Calhoun's Company when he was fourteen years of age and served two months; he volunteered in 1780 under Col. Andrew Pickens and in Captain Robert Anderson's Company. He served about two years in all. Stub Entries to Indents No. 331, Lib. P, show he was paid for militia duty and for a horse lost in 1781.

He married 29 May 1787 Rachel, daughter of William Calhoun and Agnes Long, of South Carolina, born 19 Sept. 1762. They resided in Abbeville District until 1793 when they moved to Pendleton District and resided there till 1822 when they migrated to Alabama and located in Greene County.

On 30 Jan. 1822 Patrick Norris deeded to William C. Norris 700 acres of land on both sides of Rocky River, for a consideration of \$6000. (Deeds Lib. P, fol. 485.)

Patrick applied for a pension under the Act of 1838 and this application was approved. A warrant, No. 4468, dated 18 Jan. 1839 was made for him and reached its destination 1 Mar. 1840. Patrick Norris died 12 Feb. 1840 and did not know anything of his claim being allowed. Rachel, his widow, endorsed this warrant and sent it to the Pension agent at Mobile, Ala. He returned it to Washington filing claim for a new warrant payable to the widow or bearer. Rachel died 6 Sept. 1844. Both are buried in Greene Co., Ala.

Patrick Norris was styled Colonel, the obituary following shows how this title was acquired. In 1855 William C. Webb, Attorney, Eutaw, Ala., made claim in behalf of Mrs. Hall and Mrs. McCann, widowed daughters of Rachel Norris for continuance of original pension, etc. claim was not allowed.

There is in possession of Mrs. Overman and Mrs. Van Wyck, of Anderson, S.C., great grand daughters of Patrick Norris, the cavalry saber used by him during the Revolution. Records of ancestry of Rachel Calhoun can be found in S. C. Hist. Gen. Mag. vii, by A. S. Sally, Jr.

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The following account is taken from an old letter and is undoubtedly copied from some newspaper of the day in Alabama. We have been unable to find the original paper.

"Communicated, Greensboro, Ala." (Date is known to Feb. 1840)
Died - on the 12th inst. in this place, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Hugh McCann, Colonel Patrick Norris in his 77th year of age. He was a native of Abbeville District, South Carolina, and was one of that noble band engaged in the struggle for Independence. At the age of sixteen years he enlisted in the army and continued in the service until peace was declared. He was one of those who took part in the memorable defeat of General Tarleton.

Preceding the battle of Cowpens he was detached with about thirty others and sent in pursuit of a gang of Tories with whom they had a severe skirmish in which Col. Norris had his horse killed under him. After the close of the War he was elected Captain of the Militia and rose regularly to the rank of Colonel in which last capacity he continued to serve until the infirmities of age compelled him to retire to the more private walks of life.

But it was his honor to hold office in another Holy Cause. At an early period of life he dedicated himself to God, by profession of his faith in Jesus Christ. He was elected Elder of the Broadway Church in his native district, and after his removal to this state was chosen one of the Bench of Elders, and at his removal to this state was also chosen one of the organizers of the Presbyterian Church in this town, which office he exercises in all more than forty years.

His last was his best days, as they were more devoted to the cultivation of piety and the interests of the church. As long as he had strength he was punctual in his attendance at the sanctuary and the prayer meetings. Long will his memory live in the recollection of his countrymen who knew his history and in the affections of the church which he so long served.

He left an aged widow with whom he had lived in uninterrupted harmony for fifty years, and two affectionate daughters to mourn his loss. He has gone down to his grave in full age like a shock of corn cometh in his season."

Children:

- 1 Jane Ewing: b 11 May 1788, died small.
- 11 Rebecca Ewing: b 19 Sept. 1790 Abbeville Dist., S.C., moved to Pendleton Dist., S.C. with her parents and married there prior to 1813 Robert C. Hall, b S.C. 1789-90. They moved to Greene Co., Ala. in 1822 where he died about 1839. Rebecca was living in 1860 and is listed with real and personal estate valued at \$20,550.

There were five sons and three daughters living in 1830. The following are of record:

- 1 Robert Allen Hall: b 1816 S.C., married in Ala. prior to 1837 Jane (Claiborne ?) b Tenn. 1815; a farmer, resided Greene Co. Ala. Both living 1860. They had:
 - a Margaret Hall: b 1837.
 - b Claiborne A. Hall: b 1839.
 - c Theresa A. Hall: b 1841.
 - d Sarah E. Hall: b 1843

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- e Victoria S. Hall: b 1845.
- f John W. Hall: b 1848.
- 2 Nancy Melvina Hall: b 1818 S.C., married in 1841 in Ala. Henry W. Stafford, b Ohio 1814, a farmer; resided Greene Co., Ala. in 1850 and moved to Ohio about 1856-7. They had, known:
 - a Anna Rebecca Stafford: b 1843.
 - b Mary Jane Stafford: b 1847.
 - c William Stafford: b Mar. 1850.
- 3 Rachel Jane Hall: b 1821 S.C., married a Mr. Mayes. She was a widow in 1860 and was living with her mother in Greene Co., Ala. She is listed with an estate of \$14,500. No children of record.
- 4 Mary Caroline Susan Hall: b 182-, Ala. Married Estes.
- 5 William B. Hall: b 1828 Ala.
- 233 iii Ann Calhoun (s): b 15 July 1793.
- 234 iv William Calhoun (s): b 1 Jan. 1796.
- v Rachel: b 10 Apr. 1799 Pendleton Dist., S.C. Moved to Alabama with her parents in 1822 and married there prior to 1826 Mr. Hugh McCann, born S.C. 179-. They resided in Greene Co. where he died about 1841-2. Rachel moved to Yazoo Co., Miss. where she is listed in census of 1850. She was living in 1856 according to the claim made for pension. They had:
 - 1 Patrick Norris McCann: b 1826 Ala. He is listed in census of 1850 as "Inspector of Peace."
 - 2 Martha Jane McCann: b 1830.
 - 3 Susan McCann: b 1832.
 - 4 Robert C. McCann: b 1833 Ala. He was a physician, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College in 1858. He was practicing in Benton, Yazoo Co., Miss. in 1886.
 - 5 James McCann: b 1836.
 - 6 Emma McCann: b 1838.
 - 7 Mary McCann: b 1840.
- vi Andrew Pickens: b 22 July 1802, died aet. 12 years.

81 JOSEPH (5) NORRIS

(Joseph 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Frederick County, Maryland in 1751. He married prior to 1772 Mary They moved to Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania sometime prior to 1779. They had five sons and five daughters living in 1800.

Removed from Huntingdon Co. prior to 1810 and there are indications that they moved to Virginia and later to Ohio. Of the ten children living in 1800 there is record of

Children:

- 235 i Joseph (s): b 1772.

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- ii Mary: b 1777
233 iii Amos (s): b 16 Oct. 1779
237 iv John (s): b 1782.
238 v William (s): b 1784.
239 vi Jonathan (s): b 1786-7.

82 BENJAMIN (5) MORRIS

(Joseph 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Frederick County, Maryland 18 July 1753. He married prior to 1779 Ann Williams, born Maryland 21 Aug. 1758. She was daughter of John Williams and Margaret Taylor. John Williams born Md. 1732, died in Ohio 1814. Margaret born Md. died Ohio 181-.

John Williams enlisted at Frederickstown Md. Jan. 1780 and discharged Apr. 1780, Pvt. 7th Regt. Md. Line. (Arch. Md. 18-334) He later enlisted and assigned to a Pa. Line Regt. mustered out 1781, received depreciation pay for this service. (Pa. Arch. and D.A.R. No. 8215) The only other child known of John and Margaret is Thomas, born 176-, married Forces Bell.

He was deeded a part of Spring Garden and Labbor Land, by William Carmack, on 25 Mar. 1785, 14, 3/4 acres. (Deeds WR6, fol. 384) He was deeded by Cornelius Carmack all title to Spring Garden, and a part of Labbor Land, 10 Jan. 1789, 62 1/2 acres. (Deeds WR8, fol. 315) John Neidy deeded to Benjamin and Ann Morris, 6 June 1795, land called " Industry is Fortunes Right Stand ", 77 1/2 acres for 700 pounds. (Deeds WR13, fol. 455) He was deeded by Christian Burkhardt 11 Aug. 1795 land called " Peace and Plenty " and a part of " Darby's Delight ", 259 acres for 1295 pounds. (Deeds WR13, fol. 457) Benjamin signed a deed as trustee in a sale of land in the estate of one Adam Morningsstar 31 May 1802. (Deeds WR22, fol. 618)

He dated his will 27 Apr. 1820 and died in 1831 this will was probated 15 Mar. 1831. He devises to son, Joel, land where he now lives, 100 acres; to son, John, the land where I now live; and to son, Eli, land where he now lives; the balance of the land to be divided equally between sons, John and Eli. Names his daughters, i.e., Mary Vore, Hannah Harding, Susanna Morris; my eldest daughter, Rachel, wife of Hugh Leaming (marriage license is Lemmon); grand daughter Ann Davies, daughter of Elizabeth Davies, now deceased. This will was witnessed by John Talbot, Richard Roberts and Eli Elliot. Ann, his wife, and son, Joel, executors.

"resided all his life in Frederick County, Maryland. Ann was living in 1830 but is not listed in census of 1840

Children:

- 240 i Joel (s): b 22 June 1779.
ii Rachel: b 22 June 1782, married 23 Feb. 1805 Hugh Lemmon. They had, known:
1 Sarah Lemmon: b 180- married 13 Feb. 1828 John Hilton.
iii Mary: b 1 May 1785, married prior to 1808 Mordacai Vore. Quakers, no license for this marriage in Frederick records.

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- 266 iii Thomas (6): b. 1790 N.C.
iv Martha: b. 1792 N.C.
267 v George (6): b. 1794 N.C.
vi James: b. 1797 N.C. Moved to Tenn. with his parents in 1816. He was a farm laborer and resided in various places. He married quite late in life in Lincoln Co., Ky., the widow of John E. Norris. He died in Lincoln Co. sometime after 1870 leaving no children.
vii Eleanor: b. 1806, died unmarried in Tenn.
viii Dasha: b. 1809 N.C., married Henry Eller, b. Va. 1807, in 1829. He was a farmer, resided White Co., Tenn. Both living in 1860. They had:
1 Margaret Eller: b. 1830 Tenn.
2 Eli Norris Eller: b. 1832.
3 Hiram Eller: b. 1833.
4 James H. Eller: b. 1837.
5 Francis Eller: b. 1839.
6 Thomas Eller: b. 1841.
7 Susan Eller: b. 1843.
8 Isaac Eller: b. 1844, married 1864 Milla, b. Tenn. 1844. Resided White Co., Tenn. They had:
a Eunice Eller: b. 1865.
b Elizabeth Eller: b. 1867.
c Nancy Eller: b. 1869.
9 Elizabeth Eller: b. 1846.
10 Lucy Jane Eller: b. 1849.
11 Joel Eller: b. 1851.
12 Dasha C. Eller: b. 1856.

87 GEORGE CHOCCKE (5) NORRIS

(Edward 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland in 1760. This section became Harford County in 1773. He married prior to 1791 Elizabeth, born Maryland circa 1760. He was a farmer and resided all his life on a part of the land called " Salisbury Plains." He was bondsman in the administration of his father's estate in 1781, was defendant in equity suit with his brother, Vincent Norris in 1820's.

He died at his home about 1831-2. Elizabeth survived him and was living in 1840 and deceased before 1850. St. James Parish records disclose these children.

Children:

- 268 i Edward (6): b. 15 Sept. 1791.
269 ii Daniel Treadway (6): b. 27 Oct. 1793.
iii Serom Hughes: b. 21 Sept. 1795.
iv Mary: b. 7 Nov. 1797, bp 7 Nov. 1799.
v George: b. 1798, died infancy.
vi Greenbury Wiley: b. 30 Jan. 1800, bp 4 Sept. 1801, married prior to 1837 Elizabeth, b. Md. 1795. Both living in 1870

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Baltimore Co., Md. Only child of record issued by - - - - -

1 Esrom: b 1837, married 1868-9 Mary (West ?)

270 vii George (6): b. 6 Mar. 1802. - - - - -

88 VINCENT (5) NORRIS

(Edward 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland in 1764. Moved to Harford County with his parents about 1770 where he married prior to 1800 Mary (Duncan ?), born Maryland 1780.

He was a farmer. He was deeded by Aquilla Hall a tract of land called " Salisbury Plains." (Deeds Lib. H.D.R., fol. 270) He obtained possession or title to land formerly owned by his brother Jonathan who died in 1818. George Norris had possession of a great part of this land and Vincent brought suit to obtain possession. It appears from some of the documents in this suit that Vincent was a Justice of the Peace as he administers several oaths.

He dated his will 7 Feb. 1849 and it was probated 21 May 1849, son, John S. Norris is executor and gets most of the land, etc.; names some six daughters and his wife. John filed administration papers 22 May 1849. Mary survived him a short time and died in 1851; her estate administered by John S. Norris 22 Nov. 1851. (Inv. CMB 10, fol. 447)

Children:

- 2 Elizabeth: b 1800. Was devised certain interests in land and the home by her father in 1849. She dated her will 9 Feb. 1872 and it was probated 17 Sept. 1872, John S. Norris executor. She devises her interest in the home and 26 acres of land to my niece, Rachel Caroline Miller, legacy to sister, Charlotte Ebaugh, wife of Benjamin, of Pa., at her death this to go to her 5 children who are named. One 8 day clock to sister Jane. She never married.
- 271 ii John S. (6): b 1802.
- iii Jane Duncan: b 1806. She was named in her father's will 1849 and in Elizabeth's will in 1872. She dated her will 4 Aug. 1883 and it was probated 24 Mar. 1885 by Thomas and Rachel Miller. She devises \$50 each to the six children, named, of Thomas and Rachel Miller, her niece. She never married.
- iv Sophia Charlotte: b 1808. She married 14 May 1831 Benjamin F. Ebaugh, b Pa. 1810. She is named in her father's will in 1849, and also in will of her sister, Elizabeth, in 1872 by which she receives a legacy which at her death is to go to her 5 children. Resided York Co., Pa. in 1860, and was living in same place in 1872. They had:
 - 1 Mariah Ebaugh: b 183-, married Low.
 - 2 Elizabeth A. Ebaugh: b 183-, married Strawbridge.
 - 3 Sarah Amanda Ebaugh: b 1842, married Butler.
 - 4 Adam B. Ebaugh: b 1849.
 - 5 Catherine Jane Ebaugh: b 1851, married Smith.
- v Mary Ann: b 1814, married 19 Dec. 1837 James Germill. She is men-

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tioned in her father's will in 1849. Only child of record is:

- 1 Rachel Caroline Gemmill: b. 1840 Pa., married 1859-60 Thomas Miller, b. Md. 183-. They resided in the home of Elizabeth and Jane Norris in Harford Co., Md. Elizabeth devised her interest in house and 26 acres of land to Rachel Miller, both living in 1885 when Jane Norris bequeaths \$50 to each of Rachel's 6 children. They had:

- a Ellen Miller: b. 1861.
- b Frances L. Miller: b. 1867.
- c Stevenson Archer Miller: b. 1869.
- d Herman Stump Miller: b. 187-.
- e Wade Hampton Miller: b. 187-.
- f Rosa J. Miller: b. 187-.

- vi Ellen D.: b. 181-. Was named in father's will in 1849, listed in 1850 census in Harford Co., Md. and married 22 Dec. 1852 in Baltimore, William Rigdon. She was probably deceased in 1872 as she is not mentioned by her sister Elizabeth in her will.
- vii Rachel: b. 1819-20. Was named in her father's will in 1849, listed in 1850 census in Harford Co., Md. and married 6 May 1850 in Baltimore, Samuel Stubbins. She is not mentioned by her sister Elizabeth in her will in 1872 and was probably deceased.

89 RACHEL (5) NORRIS

(Thomas 4, Joseph 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Baltimore County, Maryland in 1761. She married 1 Jan. 1788 Thomas Chinoweth, Baltimore, Maryland.

They migrated to East Tennessee prior to 1793 and both apparently deceased before 1830.

Children: (known)

- 1 Thomas Chinoweth: b. Dec. 1788, married prior to 1812 in Tenn., her name not of record. Resided a few years in Ky. then returned to Tenn. They migrated to Iowa about 1836 and later moved to Missouri where they both died before 1850. They had, known:
 - 1 William Chinoweth: b. 1812 Ky., married in Mo. prior to 1843 Susan b. Ill. 1826. Resided Johnson Co., Mo. They had:
 - a Nancy Chinoweth: b. 1843, married John Howard.
 - b William Chinoweth: b. 1845 Iowa.
 - c Sarah Chinoweth: b. 1847 Mo.
 - d Samuel Chinoweth: b. 1850.
 - e Mercy Chinoweth: b. 1852.
 - f Gideon Chinoweth: b. 1855.
 - g Susannah Chinoweth: b. 1858.
 - 2 Gideon Chinoweth: b. 1814 Ky., married prior to 1838 Mary b. Ky. 1818. Resided Johnson Co. Mo. They had:

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John died 1801 and he m. 78 JOHN (5) NORRIS. They m. and settled in Baldwin County where they lived till about 1785. (Robert 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Abbeville District, South Carolina in 1750. He married prior to 1777 Mary Browne, of Abbeville District, South Carolina.

He served in the Revolution, enlisted as Private June 1777 and was Sergt. in Sept. 1777, 3d S.C. Regt. Col. William Thompson. (Rec. Adj. Gen. Office, Wash. D.C.)

Mary died about 1790-1 and he married (2) prior to 1794 Jane Swain, born South Carolina in 1786. They moved to Pendleton District, South Carolina late in 1796. He dated his will 10 Jan. 1797 and it was probated 24 Jan. 1797. His wife is mentioned but not named, administration papers show her name as "Jane"; he names his daughters, Mary (Polly), Nancy and Elizabeth; sons, John, who is devised west half of plantation situate on Long Cane Creek, and James, who is devised the east half of the same plantation; son, Robert Browne, 20 pounds; sons, Ezekiel, one half of plantation on Rocky River, and Jesse, the other half of said plantation. Executors, Borthwick Patrick Norris, Charles Weheer and Jas. Thompson. (Roll 516 Anderson, S.C.) Jane survived him many years and died in 1838.

In a lot located on the land devised to Jesse Norris and now owned by Julius H. Anderson, are three graves i.e., John Norris and his two wives.

Children:

- 222 i Mary (5): b. 1777.
- 223 ii John Ewing (6): b. 11 May 1779-81.
- 224 iii Nancy (6): b. 1782.
- iv Son: b. 178-, died childhood.
- 225 v Robert Browne (6): b. 11 May 1786.
- 226 vi Elizabeth (6): b. 1788.
- 227 vii James (6): b. 1790-1.
- 228 viii Ezekiel Swain (6): b. 19 Feb. 1794, 2d wife.
- ix Jesse Ward: b. 18 Feb. 1796. Was a wealthy planter and slave owner. He is listed as owning real and personal estate valued at \$117,000 in 1860. He died 2 Apr. 1869 unmarried.

79 ROBERT (5) NORRIS

(Robert 4, John 3, Thomas 2, Thomas 1.) Born Abbeville District, South Carolina in 1752. He married prior to 1773 Martha Mauldin, born South Carolina 1755-6.

He served in the Revolution and was paid 4-2-10 pounds for Militia duty as Private previous to the reduction of Charleston. (Stub Entries to Indents. Lib. P. No. 332)

Resided in Pendleton District, S.C., moved to Greenville Dist. about 1787 and resided there until 1789-90 then moved to Georgia, where they remained till about 1806 when they returned to Pendleton Dist., S.C. He deeded 100 acres of land to Joab Mauldin on 12 Jan. 1808. (Deeds Lib. I, fol. 162, Anderson)



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- 1. The Coulters of Williamsburg, MS*
- 2. History of the Dodson - Ditson Family*
- 3. Tilghman - Tillman family 1225-1945*